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DOD plans to immunize more CENTCOM, Pacific troops Page 3



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Master at Arms 2nd Class Marcus Blackmur, attached to Atsugi Naval Air Facility, Japan, base security fires an M-203 grenade launcher during range qualifying at Marine Corps Combined Arms Training Center at Camp Fuji, Japan. Camp Fuji's ranges support military training by U.S. forces in the adjacent 34,000-acre Fuji Maneuver Area.

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States

Interest rates increased: The Federal Reserve boosted a key short-term interest rate by a one-quarter percentage point Wednesday. Its first rate increase in four years, in an attempt to keep the economy and inflation on an even keel.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his Federal Open Market Committee colleagues — the group that sets interest rate policy in the United States — increased the federal funds rate to 1.25 percent. The funds rate, the Fed's primary tool for influencing economic activity, had been at 1 percent, a 46-year low, for a year.

Embryo settlement: A white woman, Donna Fasano, who was the unwitting surrogate mother for a black baby has settled her lawsuit against a New York fertility clinic that mistakenly implanted a black couple's embryo in her uterus.

A doctor admitted he put some of the fertilized embryos of the black woman, Deborah Perry-Rogers, into a catheter that was used to implant the embryos of Fasano, according to court papers.

Fasano became pregnant and gave birth to two boys — one white and one black. Perry-Rogers was implanted only with her own fertilized eggs; none of those produced a fetus. The Fasanos gave the black baby to the Rogers.

Michael Jackson case: Michael Jackson's attorneys asked a judge in Los Angeles on Tuesday to seal several motions in the child molestation case, including their request that the indictment against the pop star be thrown out.

The defense motion said the documents would disclose "the testimony of witnesses or potential witnesses and disclose possible evidence" that may not be admitted at trial. Ted Buttrick, an attorney for news organizations, argued the public had a right to see them to decide if the court was being fair.

Philadelphia mayor: Nearly nine months after an FBI bug was discovered in the mayor's office, a former city treasurer, a powerful city lawyer and 10 others were indicted in a municipal corruption investigation.

The probe became public in December, when police conducting a security sweep discovered an FBI listening device in the City Hall office of Mayor John F. Street, who has not been charged with any wrongdoing.

The indictment alleges that in 2002 and 2003, lawyer Ronald A. White gave cash and gifts worth tens of thousands of dollars to



Israel barrier wall: Backdropped by a section of the separation barrier being built by Israel, a Palestinian boy plays ball on the roof of his house in the West Bank town of Bethlehem on Wednesday. Israel's Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that Israel will have to change the route of its barrier in a discrete area north of Jerusalem as it causes "severe injury" to the life of Palestinian residents.

then-Treasurer Corey Kemp to influence which financial services companies were selected to handle city bond transactions.

God back in oath: The North Carolina Supreme Court ordered a judge Tuesday to restore references to God in the words used when he enters the courtroom and when witnesses swear to tell the truth.

The high court sided with angry officials from two counties who complained that District Judge James M. Honeycutt had taken it upon himself to change courtroom procedures. Honeycutt presides over district courts in four counties south of Winston-Salem.

Carnahan crash: The family of the late Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan ended efforts to win punitive damages in the October 2000 plane crash that killed the governor, his son and an aide, the family's attorney said.

A jury in January found aircraft parts manufacturer Parker Hannifin Corp. of Cleveland liable for \$4 million in actual dam-

ages but rejected the family's request for punitive damages.

Gay marriage: A federal appeals court Tuesday rejected an attempt by conservative groups and state lawmakers to stop gay marriage in Massachusetts.

The Florida-based Liberty Counsel, which launched the lawsuit, said it would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The plaintiffs had argued that Massachusetts' high court usurped the power of the Legislature — and thereby violated the U.S. Constitution — when it ruled last year that gay couples are entitled to wed.

Business

Microsoft settlement: Massachusetts consumers could receive as much as \$34 million worth of computer products, while North Dakota consumers could get as much as \$9 million in separate, proposed settlements of class-action lawsuits accusing Microsoft Corp. of violating each state's antitrust laws.

Under settlements approved Tuesday, Massachusetts and North Dakota would become the 11th and 12th states with which the Redmond, Wash.-based software giant has reached such an agreement.

World

Terror suspect: A Moroccan terrorist suspect accused by Spanish authorities of being linked to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States has been arrested in Britain.

Farid Hilali, 35, appeared at Bow Street Magistrates Court in London on Monday and was ordered held without bail on a European arrest warrant requested by Spain, the Crown Prosecution Service said.

U.N. helicopter crash: The U.N. peace-keeping mission in Sierra Leone grounded some helicopters Wednesday, police said, after a craft carrying its personnel crashed, killing 24 peacekeepers, aid workers and others killed in the incident.

A radio channel for the 10,800-strong U.N. peace mission in Sierra Leone broadcast hymns and phoned-in expressions of sorrow for the victims, who died Tuesday when their U.N.-chartered Mi-8 slammed into a remote hill in the east.

The victims included 14 Pakistani peacekeepers, one Bangladeshi peacekeeper, three Russian crew and six civilians, including one local U.N. staffer, said Marie Okabe, a spokeswoman from U.N. headquarters in New York.

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Antirax, smallpox inoculations expanded

By SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Pentagon is expanding its controversial antirax and smallpox immunization programs to "tens of thousands" of U.S. troops in or heading to the Pacific and Central Command areas, the top Pentagon health official said Wednesday.

The expanded program is a result of an increase in the supply of the vaccines and not a change in threat conditions against troops, civilian workers and their families, said William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for Health Affairs.

Not all servicemen within the Pacific Command will be required to receive the anthrax and smallpox vaccines, because the threat level varies in the region. For security reasons, officials will not list locations, other than South Korea, where the program is required.

Supply increases mean Pacific, CENTCOM to get immunizations

"With an increase in the amount of vaccine available, particularly for anthrax, we will now vaccinate personnel assigned to selected units in the U.S. Pacific Command, additional personnel serving in the U.S. Central Command, and selected other groups of individuals," Winkenwerder said.

This will be the first time forces on the Korean Peninsula will be inoculated since the Pentagon resumed the program in June 2002, Winkenwerder said. The manufacturer had to temporarily stop production after it changed how the vaccine was made and awaited approval from the Food and Drug Administration.

There isn't have been previous groups for us in terms of aggregate

number of additional personnel," Winkenwerder said. "It's into tens of thousands. But, of course, with rotations of forces occurring at periods of time, actually that number will increase."

Between two-thirds and three-fourths of troops deployed to the Middle East have received the vaccines.

Wednesday's change will make it mandatory that all personnel deployed to the region be vaccinated. However, the department will not inoculate those exempt for health reasons, but exempted personnel still are deployable, he said.

Expanding the program to the Pacific does not reflect a change in threat levels posed against U.S. forces, civilians and their fami-

lies, said Winkenwerder and Army Brig. Gen. David Rodriguez, ex, deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"The threat has not changed," Rodriguez said.

"I think that's the bottom-line message," Winkenwerder said. "The threat condition, we believe, has not changed since the point at which we implemented these programs earlier."

However, intelligence on suspected capabilities and motives of some adversaries make the Pacific and Central Command areas more of a threat than other regions in the world, prompting the department to vaccinate those troops and personnel, Rodriguez said.

Winkenwerder offered no time line, but said vaccinations for the expanded group "will begin in the very near future."

A memo issued Monday by Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wol-

fowitz directs the services to begin inoculating, with both the anthrax and smallpox vaccines, uniformed personnel going to the Korean Peninsula for 15 days or more.

The group includes the Pacific Command Forward Deployed Naval Forces, emergency-essential and equivalent civilian employees assigned to Korea, contractor personnel carrying out mission-essential services in Korea, and expand the program to include all personnel in the CENTCOM region.

Wolfovitz's memo also instructs the services to make the vaccines available, on a voluntary basis, to family members and other DOD civilians in Korea.

Some maintain the vaccines cause health problems and some have accepted separation from service or disciplinary action for disobeying an order rather than take it.

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IRR call-ups to start on Tuesday

By LISA BURGESS
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Army will begin involuntary mobilizations of the Individual Ready Reserve on Tuesday, tapping 5,600 individuals to fill slots in units bound for Iraq or Afghanistan, Army officials said Wednesday.

The Army's Individual Ready Reserve, or IRR, is a pool of more than 111,000 soldiers who have left active duty or active reserve service, but still have time left on their obligation.

Up to 5,600 IRR soldiers from all over the United States will get a warning mailman starting next week, followed within days by formal activation orders that give the individual 30 days to report to his or her mobilization station, Robert Smiley told Pentagon reporters Wednesday.

Smiley, who is principal assistant for training, readiness and mobilization in the Army's Office of Manpower and Reserve Affairs, said the Army is working to fill 4,402 positions in units bound for the third rotation to Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom 3) and the sixth rotation to Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom 6), both of which are due to start later this summer.

The IRR soldiers will spend about 30 days at a basic training site, where their basic soldiering skills will undergo evaluation and training will be supplied to fill shortfalls, Smiley said.

From there, the soldiers will be sent to their new units for unit training before the deployment begins.

A few IRR soldiers will remain in the United States, Smiley said, but most will go to Iraq or Afghanistan.

Facts about the involuntary IRR call-up

How many people will be called?

5,600

How many slots is the Army trying to fill?

4,402

Why the extra mobilizations?

For each slot, the Army needs to call up 1.3 soldiers, because some will not make the cut for medical or personal reasons.

When will they be notified?

They will be alerted beginning July 6, formal orders will follow within days.

When will they report?

Thirty days after receiving formal activation orders.

How long can they be mobilized?

Up to 24 months, although orders will be for 18 months.

Where will they go?

Most will go to Iraq or Afghanistan; a few will remain in the United States.

When do their salaries and benefits start?

The day they report to their mobilization station.

How many IRR soldiers have already been mobilized?

541; of those, 324 are on active duty, and 217 are awaiting training.

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Source: U.S. Army

or Afghanistan once deployed, although the Army cannot guarantee that the "12-month boots on the ground" policy will not be modified to meet mission requirements, as has happened with many units serving in OIF 2.

The tapped soldiers principally include "transporters, drivers, mechanics, combat engineers, logistics and supply folks," according to Ray's son, Robinson Jr., chief of operations for the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

One of the soldiers called up will have been deployed to either Iraq or Afghanistan within the previous 12 months — anyone whose record reflects such a deployment is exempt, according to Army Col. Debra Cook, commander of the Army's Human Resources Command in St. Louis.

However, Army officials could not guarantee that none of the suggestions have served in either theater post-Sept. 11, 2001, although Army officials tried to avoid calling such members again, said Cook, who spoke during the Pentagon news conference.

"The records [of the IRR soldiers considered for the call-up]

have been reviewed on a case-by-case basis," Cook said.

This summer's IRR mobilization is not a one-time event, the Army officials said — the mobilizations will continue as the Army continues to rotate troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We expect to call some more" not only for OIF4 and OIF7, but also some call-ups in addition to the 5,600 for OIF3, Smiley said.

Pressed on how many additional IRR mobilizations the future might hold, Smiley said, "We simply don't know."

When asked if numbers could be in the thousands, he replied, "Yes."

The IRR mobilizations provided ammunition for politicians like Sen. Carl Levin, ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who have said that the Army is overextended by its obligations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The mobilization "shows how heavy a stress the Army is under," Levin, a Democrat from Michigan, said in a Wednesday telephone interview organized by John Kerry's campaign.

"The active Army is too small."

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Singles group offers activities at Misawa

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

Single servicemembers at Misawa Air Base no longer need complain that there's nothing to do in rural northern Japan besides hang out in the dorm or local bars.

EXTREME, a new base program for unaccompanied personnel E-4 and below, is geared toward getting servicemembers out the door and away from the temptations of alcohol to explore Japan, officials said.

"A lot of people complain there's nothing to do at Misawa and those are the people who don't go off base," said Quincy Franklin, the EXTREME program director.

EXTREME was the brainchild of Brig. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, the former base commander. Franklin said Atkins was concerned by the number of drug-while-intoxicated incidents he saw at Misawa and wanted to provide an outlet for single servicemembers to have fun without alcohol.

"This is an alcohol-free program, and everyone who participates understands that," Franklin said.

The name EXTREME has a two-fold meaning. Franklin said the group will use "extreme" measures to recruit members. "We'll go out on the streets and ask, 'Are you single?'" he said. "We tell [members] to pull them in here any way you can."

And then there are the group activities: "We want to show you

that you can do extreme things without getting drunk," Franklin said.

The group plans several outings a month, from caving to kayaking in nearby Lake Biwagawa. The first trip was May 8 — a shopping tour in Aomori. The next is a July 31 visit to the Morioka Zoo, about 70 miles south of Misawa.

Through a healthy budget, at trips are subsidized and cost, at most, \$5 per servicemember for transportation, Franklin said.

So far, more than 100 people have signed up, mostly airmen, Franklin said. Turnout for trips has averaged about 20-25 people.

The group meets about once a month to plan future adventures.

"We get a big pad of paper and ask, 'What do you guys want to do?'" Franklin said. "We make it happen for them."

A Mount Fuji climb and ventures to Tokyo Bay are points of interest, Franklin said.

"Now that would be real extreme right there," he said.

EXTREME is the first group at Misawa available to single airmen, sailors, soldiers and Marines. Unaccompanied Navy personnel also may participate in the single soldier liberty program through Misawa Naval Air Facility.

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Iran takes legal custody of Saddam

BY FISNIK ABRASHI
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Iraqis took legal custody of Saddam Hussein and 11 of his top lieutenants Wednesday, a first step toward the ousted dictator's expected trial for crimes against humanity.

In a one-line announcement, Prime Minister Iyad Allawi's office said the Iraqi government assumed legal — but not physical — control "today, 30th June, at 10:15 in the morning."

They are to appear in court Thursday for a reading of the charges.

Salem Chalabi, the director of the Special Tribunal that will conduct the trials, said he met Saddam "earlier today to explain his rights and what will happen."

"The first step has happened," Chalabi told The Associated Press.

The defendants were informed individually of their rights, said an international official who spoke on condition of anonymity. An Iraqi judge witnessed the proceedings.

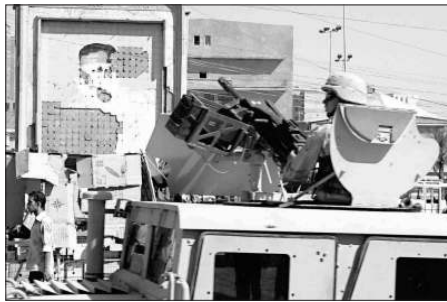
Saddam, who appeared to have lost weight in confinement, said "Good morning" as he entered the room, according to Chalabi.

After being informed that he was being placed under Iraqi jurisdiction, Saddam, who ruled Iraq for nearly 24 years with absolute authority, was ordered "to leave the room," Chalabi added.

The other defendants also were brought into the room individually to hear that they would appear in court Thursday, Chalabi said.

"Some of them looked very worried," Chalabi added.

Saddam will remain in a U.S.-controlled jail guarded by Americans until the Iraqis are ready to take physical custody of him.



A U.S. Army soldier passes a defaced mosaic of Saddam Hussein in Baghdad on Wednesday. Legal custody of Saddam Hussein and 11 others was transferred to the Iraqis on Wednesday, an international official said.

That is expected to take a long time.

However, the legal transfer means that Saddam and the others are no longer prisoners of war subject to rights under the Geneva Conventions — but criminal defendants whose treatment will be in accordance with Iraqi law. The change in status gives them the right to attorneys.

Chalabi said earlier that the trials of Saddam and other senior figures likely would not begin before 2005.

L. Paul Bremer, the former U.S. adminis-

trator, said he was confident that the Iraqis would handle the trials well.

Saddam "will get the kind of justice he denied his own people," Bremer told ABC's "Good Morning America."

The crimes against humanity for which Saddam is expected to be tried include the 1988 chemical weapons massacre of Kurds in Halabja, the slaughter of Shiites during a 1991 uprising in southern Iraq, the 1990 invasion of Kuwait, and the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war.

Chalabi said Saddam's appearance Thursday at the tribunal, in a courthouse with a prominent clock tower inside Baghdad's sealed-off Green Zone, is expected to be videotaped for public release.

The images would be the first of Saddam the public will have seen since his Dec. 13 capture by U.S. soldiers, when a clip showed the bushy-bearded leader opening his mouth for a dental examination.

The Saddam lieutenants who will also appear include Ali Hassan al-Majid, also known as "Chemical Ali"; former Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan; former deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz; and two of Saddam's half brothers.

Already there are pretrial negotiations over permitting Saddam's foreign legal team to work in Iraq, whether to televise the proceedings, and whether to reinstate the death penalty, which Bremer suspended.

Mouwafak al-Rubaie, Iraq's new national security adviser, told Associated Press Television News that he hoped to broadcast the trial live on television so that the world would see "what Saddam has done to virtually every person, every individual in this country."

Iraqi officials insist Saddam and the others will get fair trials. Hamid al-Bayati, Iraq's new deputy foreign minister and a leader of the main Shiite Muslim party, said there was "no chance at all" that Saddam might walk out a free man.

He noted that Saddam's victims are estimated in the hundreds of thousands or more.

Associated Press writer Jim Krane contributed to this story.

Ex-dictator's victims still feel pain of past brutality

BY NADIA ABOU EL-MAGD
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Firas Adnan need only open his mouth to give evidence of Saddam Hussein's legacy. Just before the regime fell, the 24-year-old laborer quarreled with a Saddam loyalist, who punished him by chopping off his tongue with a box cutter.

Now Adnan awaits the prosecution of Saddam with mixed feelings — happy the former dictator will have to answer for his crimes but bitter because he must live with the scars from the regime.

"Saddam will stand trial, OK. But I'm handicapped. What's the use?" Adnan said Wednesday, his slurred words barely comprehensible. "It's not that I'm not happy... But nothing will give me back my tongue. You know what I mean?"

Iraq's new government took legal custody of Saddam on Wednesday, read him his rights and informed him that he would face trial on war crimes charges.

Iraqis will get their first look at their former leader since his arrest in December when he appears in court Thursday along with 11 of his top lieutenants. Saddam's trial is not likely to start for months, probably not before 2005.

Adnan said he would definitely watch if the trial is televised, as officials have promised.

"It should be entertaining. I'll laugh about him," Adnan said.

Then he paused and added, "It's not in my nature to gloat over someone's [misfortune]."

Asked if Saddam should be executed, Adnan said no — that would "only give him relief. It would be better if he is jailed; let him try what thousands of us have gone through."

But Adnan's mother, Fatma Ahmed, interrupted: "I wish I could kill him with my own hands."

"He didn't have mercy on a mother, an old man. He is a despot, the biggest despot. Iraq will be much better without him," the 43-year-old Ahmed said.

Millions of other Iraqis understand well what Adnan is talking about. No punishment for Saddam can bring back the thousands of fathers, sons, sisters, daughters and mothers who died — in regime torture chambers, on the streets of dusty Kurdish villages, on the battlefields in Iran.

Adnan's torment came outside his Baghdad home in front of his parents — only two weeks before the Americans invaded Iraq.

Adnan first spoke to an Associated Press reporter on April 18 shortly after U.S. troops swept into Baghdad and Saddam was ousted.

His trauma does not seem to have eased since then.

"I don't think anything will make me forget what happened to me," Adnan said Wednesday. "I don't think any woman would want to marry me."

In December 2002, Adnan got in a fight with some people in the street. A militiaman loyal to Saddam's son Qadhi threatened him with a gun. Adnan was so angry, he cursed Qadhi and Saddam.

Adnan escaped but was arrested by the militiamen a few days later, who tortured him for three months, vowing, he said, to "turn me crazy or execute me."

One day they woke him up early at prison, beat him severely, blindfolded him and took him away in a car. The vehicle stopped and he was pushed out.

"I heard people chanting 'With our soul and blood we redeem you Saddam.' I thought they were going to execute me. I started crying. When they asked me to open my mouth, I begged them to execute me," he said.

When they took off his blindfold,



Firas Adnan, right, whose tongue was cut off more than a year ago, talks to a reporter in his home in Baghdad on Wednesday. Just before the regime fell, the 24-year-old laborer quarreled with a Saddam loyalist, who punished him by chopping off his tongue.

he saw he was in his own neighborhood and that his family were being forced to chant and wave portraits of Saddam.

But instead of killing him, the militiaman cut off part of his tongue with a box cutter. It took three tries, he said.

That was March 5, two weeks before the start of the war on Iraq. He wasn't released until mid-April. "Had the regime not fallen, they would have executed me," Adnan said.

Now he, his parents, four brothers and five sisters are crammed in one room at his grandmother's

apartment — his parents sold theirs to bribe officials to spare his life. They sleep on carpets on the floor in the house, shared by 28 members of his extended family.

On one wall in the house are framed pictures of his uncles, Qasim and Hussein Suleiman, both taken from the streets by Saddam's secret service, days before the U.S. invasion.

"It was still hoping they would come back after the war, I'm still keeping their clothes," said Hamdya Ahmed Abed, 77, the mother of the disappeared men. "But if they haven't come back 'til now, I guess they never will."

Brother of seized Marine: He didn't desert

BY TRAVIS REED
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The brother of missing Cpl. Wassel Ali Hassoun denied reports that the Marine had deserted the military before being captured by insurgents in Iraq.

"To me it has no foundation. It's all wrong," Mohammad Hassoun told The Associated Press Tuesday night.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, the coalition deputy operations chief in Baghdad, said earlier this week that Hassoun had gone "on an unauthorized absence" but provided few details.

"Based on his personal situation, there was reason to suspect that he was heading over to Lebanon," where Hassoun was born, Kimmitt said.

On Wednesday, The New York Times, citing a Marine officer it did not identify, reported that Hassoun had deserted the military with the help of Iraqis on the base, and was apparently turned over to insurgents by those he had befriended.

An insurgent group has threatened to behead Hassoun unless Iraqi prisoners are released. Hassoun was shown blindfolded with a sword brandished over his head in a video aired on Al-Jazeera television.

The military officially changed its classification of Hassoun's disappearance from "missing" to "captured" on Tuesday. He was last seen about a week before the videotape was broadcast Sunday, the military said.

"The circumstances surrounding the Ma-

rine's absence initially indicated that he was missing," a statement by the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force said. "However, in light of what we have observed on the terrorist's video, we have classified him as captured."

Capt. Amy Malagani, spokeswoman for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force from Camp Pendleton, declined to comment on the report Tuesday. She also would not say what steps the Marines were taking to rescue Hassoun.

The Times reported that Hassoun had been emotionally shaken apart seeing one of his sergeants blown apart by a mortar shell and decided to leave his post and make his way to Lebanon.

In Baghdad, a senior U.S. military offi-

cial said Hassoun was missed after he failed to report for duty on June 20.

"It is highly unlikely that he was taken," the official said, on the condition of anonymity. "We are investigating all possible circumstances that could have led to his failure to report to duty."

Hassoun's family in Salt Lake City continue to pray, and asked the same of the rest of the world, said their spokesman, Tarek Nosseir.

The capture "is what has been destined upon us, and we accept it," he said.

Three Marine Corps representatives visited privately with the Hassoun family in West Jordan on Tuesday, the same day American military officials declared he had been abducted.

Associated Press Writer Todd Pittman contributed to this report from Baghdad.



THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER/AP

Media outlets covering reaction to reports of the murder of Army Spc. Keith M. Maupin in Iraq descend on Maj. Mark Magalski on Tuesday near Batavia, Ohio. Magalski is talking about Maupin's situation, but few townspeople are.

Maupin family's privacy protected

BY LISA CORNWELL
The Associated Press

BATAVIA, Ohio — As neighbors await word on the fate of a hometown soldier taken hostage in Iraq, they cluster around the family of Spc. Keith M. Maupin, guarding against the inquiries of persistent journalists.

Even with reports that Maupin might have been slain by his captors, many in this village east of Cincinnati are refraining from talking about Maupin or his family with the media.

"It's just a small, close-knit community," said Donna Marshall, 45, sitting Tuesday in a park where residents set up an electric light for Maupin that always is kept on. "I think everyone just wants the family to be left alone."

Maupin was captured April 9 west of Baghdad. Arab television network Al-Jazeera reported Monday that insurgents holding the 20-year-old soldier fatally shot him. The Army has not confirmed the report.

Journalists receive a cool reception throughout Batavia. At least a

half-dozen people declined interviews Tuesday in the village's business district.

On Monday, a woman showed up to place a small American flag and a yellow ribbon on a fence near the high school where Maupin graduated in 2001. She politely declined an interview.

"If you're with the news, I don't want to talk to you," she said.

After the Al-Jazeera report aired, some people shouted at reporters who gathered Monday night near the home of Maupin's mother, Carolyn.

Former Mayor Bob Handra didn't expect anything different. "It doesn't surprise me a bit that they are doing this and have come together around the family. That's the way we do things here," he said.

The Maupin family is refraining from public comment until military investigators learn more, said Maj. Mark Magalski, an Army officer assigned since April to support the family.

"People feel they can help support the family by protecting their privacy and not talking about them," said Stephanie Heckler, 23.

Mortar attack on U.S. base near Baghdad airport injures 11 GIs

Car bomb injures two at Samawah police station

BY TODD PITMAN

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents fired at least 10 mortar rounds at a U.S. base on the outskirts of Baghdad International Airport on Wednesday, wounding 11 soldiers, two of them seriously, and starting a fire that burned for well over an hour.

That attack, along with a car bomb that exploded outside a police headquarters in Samawah, were yet more evidence that insurgents have no plans of letting up their attacks even after the U.S. coalition authorities handed over sovereignty to an interim Iraqi government Monday.

Despite the end of the occupation, about 160,000 foreign troops — most of them Americans — remain in Iraq to provide security and train Iraq's new security services. American officials have warned that the transfer of sovereignty would not stop assaults.

Guerillas struck the logistics base on the edge of Baghdad's airport at about 8:15 a.m., said Lt. Col. Richard Rael, their commander. The base is operated by the New Mexico Army National Guard's 515 Corps Support Battalion.

"We're OK," Rael said. "We'll get back to business as usual."

A pall of black smoke hung over the airport for an hour after one of the 82 mm mortar rounds struck a petroleum products yard.

There were no injuries from the fire.

The base has been subject to almost daily mortar attacks, but this was the first time the attacks caused significant casualties and damage.

Two people were wounded in the car bombing in Samawah, which set two other vehicles ablaze, a hospital official said.

Meanwhile, Turkey's foreign minister said Tuesday that Iraqi insurgents freed three Turkish hostages, while two other Turkish captives reportedly told their families they would soon be released.

The Turks were among dozens of people kidnapped in Iraq in recent months. Most have been freed, but several were slain — two by being beheaded.

"Our citizens have been released," Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul told state television. "We've struggled a lot for their release. We are glad to hear this news."

He spoke after the Arab television station Al-Jazeera reported that the group responsible for



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An Army firefighter surveys the damage after a mortar attack wounded 11 U.S. soldiers Wednesday at a U.S. Army base on the outskirts of Baghdad.

beheading two other foreign hostages had announced it was freeing the three Turks.

The abduction of the Turks was claimed by Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, whose followers killed American Nicholas Berg last month and South Korean Kim Sun-II last week.

Two other Turkish hostages were allowed to call their families to say they would be freed within a week after their company agreed to stop working for the U.S. military in Iraq, CNN-Turk television reported.

The fathers of the hostages told the private TV network their sons, Soner Sericali and Murat Kizil, were in good health. The two car conditioning repairmen were reported missing June 1.

Sericali's father Feridun said their employer, Kayteks, had agreed to stop doing business in Iraq.

U.S. to board foreign ships

Coast Guard eyes security steps as vessels enter ports

BY LESLIE MILLER

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Coast Guard was to begin boarding every foreign-flagged vessel that sails into a U.S. port Thursday to check whether they are complying with rules aimed at foiling terrorists.

A maritime treaty signed by about 150 countries requires each ship to have a security officer, alarm system, automatic identification system, access restrictions to the engine room and bridge, and a method of checking IDs of people who board. Each ship must have a certificate signed by the country that flags it saying it is in compliance with the treaty.

Rear Adm. Larry Hereth said that 700 Coast Guard men, including about 500 reservists, will be part of the effort to board all ships as they enter the ports.

"We're going to take a pretty hard line," said Hereth, the Coast Guard's director of port security.

The Coast Guard has a range of sanctions that can be imposed on ships that fail to meet the standards, Hereth said. An administrative glitch could be repaired on-board, he said, but if it should appear that the ship's operators have done little to comply with the vessel could be turned away.

The Coast Guard also can detain a ship and requires it to hire security guards until it can come into compliance. Or the Coast Guard can add points to the ship's risk-assessment score, which would mean that the ship is inspected the next time it calls at a U.S. port, Hereth said.

Joe Cox, president of the Chamber of Shipping of America, which represents U.S. ship owners, said he expects the Coast Guard to enforce strictly the requirement that each vessel has a ship's certificate saying it complies with the standards.

"I don't think there's a ship

Experts: Ship terror unlikely

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia

The risk of terrorists seizing ships for a Sept. 11-style attack is overblown, security experts said Wednesday, a day before U.S.-mandated rules were to take effect to monitor vessels and cargoes entering American ports.

Richard Davey, a consultant for the British government's M15 intelligence agency, said that worst-case fears have recently driven security policy, and that ordinary piracy is a greater threat to shipping than terrorist attacks.

"That a scenario has been thought of does not mean it is a threat," Davey said in a speech at a conference organized by the International Maritime Bureau, which monitors attacks on ships.

The meeting of law enforcement officials, shipping executives and diplomats from 33 nations comes amid fears that terrorists could attack ships in the Straits of Malacca, a crucial waterway troubled by pirates.

around here dumb enough to come into U.S. waters without the certificate." Cox said of nations that stand might be refused port privileges by nations that have.

Hereth said the Coast Guard would pressure non-U.S. ports to tighten security so they meet the new standards.

Coast Guard spokeswoman Julie Stettin said ship sailing into U.S. waters increasingly were reaching the standards. On Tuesday, 78 percent of the 192 foreign-flagged ships calling on U.S. ports were in compliance, up from 65 percent the previous two days.

"We're projecting that to continue to rise," Shifflet said, adding that 142 of the 150 ships that plan to enter U.S. ports on Thursday said they have the certificates.

Thursday also is the deadline for U.S. ports to comply with a maritime security law passed by Congress in November 2002. All but a handful of the thousands of port facilities and vessels will be up to U.S. security standards, Shifflet said.

The agency has no enforcement powers, however, and relies instead on the implicit economic threat to governments that don't comply with the new International Ship and Port Facility Security

standards. One-third of the world's trade and half its oil supplies pass through the waterway between Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia's Sumatra island, bound for Japan, South Korea and China.

Davey noted that the "last significant terrorist attack on a ship" was the al-Qaida bombing two years ago of the French tanker Limburg near Yemen, killing a crewman and spilling 90,000 barrels of oil. He said that the new U.S.-inspired anti-terrorist regulations should address what he called "the less-than-overwhelming threat" of terrorism.

The managing director of Tecto, the firm that owns the Limburg, said the tanker wouldn't have been protected by the certificates.

"The only thing which could have prevented an attack on the Limburg was a perimeter of 500 meters and a gunboat," Peter Raef said.

— The Associated Press

Code. For example, ships from countries that don't meet the higher standards might be refused port privileges by nations that have.

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Hong Kong march set

HONG KONG — Thousands of Hong Kong residents prepared to march Thursday for democracy, hoping for the unlikely prospect that Beijing rethinks its recent ruling that local officials must elect the successor to the territory's highly unpopular leader.

The rally comes one year after 500 Hong Kongers turned out for an anti-government protest that stunned Hong Kong and Beijing — launching a "people power" movement that alarmed the central government and prompted it to clamp down on local hopes for full democracy.

Thousands were expected Thursday, stealing the stage from official events to mark the seventh anniversary of Hong Kong's return from Britain to China.

From The Associated Press



KOREA NEWS AGENCY/AP

North Koreans shout anti-U.S. slogans during a rally in Pyongyang last Friday to mark the anniversary of the start of the Korean War in 1950.

On anniversary of war, N. Korea alters history

BY JEREMY KIRK

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — North Korea's vision of history appears to be enhanced by two sets of glasses: rose-colored and fogged-over.

Take a Monday commentary from the state-controlled Rodong Sinmun, about the start of the Korean War. "Historical facts clearly prove that the war was deliberately ignited by the U.S. imperialists under a carefully worked out plan."

The English translation from the Korean Central News Agency also read: "The United States, after emerging the boss of the world imperialists at the end of the Second World War, started a war in Korea on June 25, 1950, to occupy the

DRPK (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) at a stretch."

The story's other version, according to historians, is starkly different: Most U.S. combat troops were pulled out of South Korea long before June 25, 1950, and the weak South Korean army couldn't have been more unprepared for a sudden attack from North Korea.

Almost all history books — at least those written outside North Korea — are in unison on the basic fact: North Korea's tanks surged across what is now the Demilitarized Zone on June 25, 1950.

North Koreans routinely routed the South in their advances. By July 1950, they had pinned allied troops along a tenuous line along the Nakdong River.

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Afghan blast injures 27

KABUL, Afghanistan — Two explosions injured as many as 27 people in an eastern Afghan city Wednesday, while concern grew that an Australian journalist may have been kidnapped in the Taliban-haunted south.

The wounded included five police officers and 22 civilians. Officials said the bombs were hidden in crates of fruit.

Annan visits Sudan

KHARTOUM, Sudan — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan flew to Sudan on Wednesday for a firsthand look at what his officials are calling the world's worst humanitarian crisis in the violence-torn Darfur region.

He joined Secretary of State Colin Powell to press the

Sudanese government to end a 16-month conflict that has killed up to 30,000 people, driven more than 1 million from their homes and left more than 2 million in desperate need of aid.

Maid-abuser sentenced

SINGAPORE — A 30-year-old mother of two was jailed for 14 weeks for kicking her maid and putting ice cubes down her underwear in the latest case of maid abuse in Singapore, a local newspaper reported Wednesday.

The Straits Times said Ong Ting Ting was angry with Jean Ganizon, Filipina, for opening a window while ironing.

The wealthy Southeast Asian city-state of 4 million people has had more than 140,000 maids from Singapore's poorer neighbors Indonesia and the Philippines.

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3,000 S. Koreans mourn hostage beheaded in Iraq

BY YOUNG-JOON AHN
The Associated Press

PUSAN, South Korea — A South Korean man beheaded in Iraq was buried Wednesday, and his family asked 3,000 mourners to support the troubled nation where he was killed.

Kim Sun-il, a 33-year-old translator at a company supplying the U.S. military, was killed by Islamic militants on June 22, after South Korea refused to bow to his captors' demand to cancel plans to send 3,000 troops to Iraq beginning in August.

Kim's funeral was held in a gymnasium decorated with white chrysanthemums and strung with a banner reading "I love Iraq," written in English, Arabic and Korean. In a message read by Kim's brother, Jin-kook, the family offered forgiveness and reconciliation.

"We want to tell you today on Sun-il's behalf that Sun-il's very dream was for all of us who were witnesses to Sun-il's tragedy to love you and your nation of Iraq," the family said. "We embrace the nation of Iraq. We love the people of Iraq."

Tevised images of Kim in captivity and the news of his beheading stunned South Korea, triggering criticism of the government's handling of the case and sharpening the national debate over the decision to send troops to assist the U.S.-led coalition. More than 600 South Korean troops already are deployed in Iraq.

Web sites of execution blocked by government

SEOUL — South Korea is blocking domestic access to Web sites that carry online footage of the beheading of a South Korean hostage in Iraq, a government official said Wednesday.

The Ministry of Information and Communications official could not confirm how many sites had been blocked, but one local newspaper said about 10 had been closed to domestic viewing as of late last week.

The ministry had said last week that it would ban local Internet portals from carrying the grisly footage and would monitor the Internet to stem their distribution.

A ministry official, speaking Wednesday on the condition of anonymity, declined to give other details of the campaign, saying: "In cooperation with related agencies, we are trying to minimize the spread of the footage."

From The Associated Press

During Wednesday's funeral ceremony, many sobbed when a friend of Kim repeated the desperate appeals Kim made in the televised videotape: "I don't want to die. I want to live."

President Roh Moo-hyun sent a presidential aide to relay condolences. Several political leaders from both the ruling and opposition groups attended the ceremony.

Kim was later buried in a Christian cemetery, as friends and relatives released 200 white balloons, according to local news reports.

Candlelight vigils have been held nightly in the capital, Seoul, to mourn Kim and demand that the government reverse its plans. A group of lawmakers — some from Roh's own ruling party — are backing a resolution to reconsider the mission.

Kim's body was returned to his hometown of Pusan on South Korea's southeast coast Saturday, his coffin draped in the national flag.

Last week, Roh ordered the state-run Board of Audit and Inspection to investigate Kim's slaying amid concerns that the government could have done more to secure his release.

A team of South Korean government auditors arrived in Amman, the capital of Jordan, on Wednesday to question staff from the South Korea's Embassy in Iraq. South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported.

In Seoul, investigators planned to question the head of the company where Kim worked, Cana General Trading Co. They were expected to ask Kim Chun-ho when he first informed the South Korean Embassy of Kim's kidnapping, and about his efforts to win his release.



South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon lays a flower down during the funeral service Wednesday for South Korean Kim Sun-il, who was killed by militants in Iraq, at a hospital in Pusan, South Korea.

S. Korea unions threaten strikes to stop deployment

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL — Despite the South Korean government's repeated assurances that a pledged 3,000-troop deployment to Iraq is proceeding as planned, thousands of union workers are promising strikes to force its cancellation in reaction to a South Korean civilian's beheading by terrorists.

The addition of 3,000 South Korean troops would make this country the third-largest foreign military presence in Iraq, behind the United States and Great Britain. Though the commitment was made months ago, the deployment's timetable has been pushed back repeatedly amid assurances Seoul would not change its mind.

But now, South Korean politics are complicating the picture. This week, a leading ruling-party member suggested tying the troop deployment to getting a better deal on the Yongsan Garrison relocation issue.

That deal, under which the U.S. would vacate its military headquarters in Seoul by 2007, has been stalled over land issues and burden-sharing of the estimated \$3 billion to \$4 billion move costs.

Throw into the mix the widespread public outrage over the death of Kim Sun-il, 33, an interpreter working for a South Korean contractor in Iraq, and the troop deployment issue becomes clouded again.

On Tuesday, thousands of Korea Confederation of Trade Unions (KCTU) members rallied in downtown Seoul, demanding the dispatch be dropped.

"We have been opposed to the troop dispatch plan as we had anticipated there would be South Koreans victims like Kim Sun-il," said the group's leader, Lee See-ho, at the rally.

The group also gave the U.S. Embassy in Seoul a letter of protest, calling on President Bush to apologize for what the union alleged was a "U.S. cover-up" of Kim's kidnapping to ensure the troop dispatch happened as scheduled in July.

In what South Korean media described as "annual strikes," some 87,000 union workers walked off the job this week, ostensibly to demand wage hikes and better working conditions. But union statements and media reports indicated the troop dispatch is as much an issue as the economic concerns.

South Korean government officials reacted swiftly, with Labor Minister Kim Dae-hwan warning the unions not to mix labor issues with political issues.

The Korea Teachers' Union also got into the act, designating June 28 to July 3 as a period to teach "anti-war" materials in their classrooms.

The Education Ministry wrote the teachers union saying those who taught from the anti-war curriculum posted on the union's Web site Monday would face "legal measures."

While teachers' union officials said the curriculum was drawn from newspaper articles and other reports about the war in Iraq, Education Ministry officials said it was drawn largely from anti-American and anti-troop dispatches from civic groups.

In response, the union wrote the ministry, saying in part, "The purpose of anti-war classes is to teach the importance of peace and life. For now, we do not plan to change the materials but we will consider adding some materials."

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Civil Rights Act: A 40-year work in progress

BY DAVID CRARY
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — For President Lyndon Johnson and the mostly white congressional majority he helped assemble, passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act was a triumph-phant step toward racial justice.

Forty years later, American history teacher Carolyn Mattocks tells her classes the act's legacy is not so simple.

"The civil rights movement was a wonderful movement, but we as a people did not take it as far as we should have," said Mattocks, 35, who teaches adult students at inner-city Baltimore's predominantly black Sojourner-Douglass College.

"There's still unfinished business," Mattocks said, referring to persistent social inequities and divided black leadership.

"There's a duty that we as a younger generation have — to finish that business."

Many would agree, though by any measure, the Civil Rights Act was momentous. Signed by Johnson on July 2, 1964, after a record two-month filibuster by embittered Southern senators, the act's key provisions banned segregation in any facility offering public services and outlawed discrimination in hiring.

"Together, those two provisions led to a veritable sea change in the way Americans conducted their lives," said Wade Henderson, executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

Henderson was a high school student in Washington, D.C., when the act was passed. He encountered segregation in the capital firsthand as a boy, and recalls help-wanted ads in the newspapers that specified whether blacks or whites should apply.

"The little indignities of legal segregation really gnawed away at how you saw yourself and how you saw American democracy," Henderson said. "The Civil Rights Act had a profoundly transformative effect, especially in the workplace — it's now the place most Americans encounter people of different races and ethnicities."

In the ensuing four decades, black Americans have made tremendous strides. Their poverty rate has dropped by nearly half; rates of high school graduation and home ownership have soared; blacks preside over prestigious universities, major corporations, the State Department and the American Bar Association.

However, glaring gaps remain. A recent National Urban League report said black Americans' earning power is only 73 percent of whites and their life expectancy is six years less. Predominantly black public schools are often badly underfunded, compared with mostly white schools, and black incarceration rates are higher now than in 1964.

According to one recent study in the American Sociological Review, more young black men have done time in prison than have served in the military or earned a college degree. National-

Many agree that more needs to be done for equality

ly, about 13 percent of black men — 1.4 million in all — are ineligible to vote because of criminal records.

"I should have thought that everyone, even down to ex-felons, would be able to realize the American dream, but that's not true,"

said Clayton Guyton, who assists ex-offenders at Baltimore's Rose Street Community Center. "Once they go to prison, it's almost impossible for them to re-enter society."

The Civil Rights Act resulted from years of relentless cam-

paigning by civil leaders, whose protest marches in the South often provoked brutal responses from the defenders of segregation.

President John F. Kennedy, who earlier in his political career had sometimes been cautious on

racial issues, addressed Congress in June 1963 to urge passage of a sweeping civil rights bill. Martin Luther King Jr. led a historic march in Washington in August.

After Kennedy's assassination that November, Johnson took up the cause — a Texan willing to break with many of his fellow Southerners to push through an even bolder version of the bill.



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Report: 1 in 10 students face sex misconduct

BY BEN FELLER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than 4.5 million children are forced to endure sexual misconduct by school employees, from inappropriate comments to physical abuse, according to an exhaustive review of research that reads like a parent's worst nightmare.

The best estimate is that almost one in 10 children, sometime between kindergarten and 12th grade, are targets of behavior ranging from unprofessional to criminal, says the report for Congress by Carol Shakeshaft, a professor at Hofstra University's School of Education.

"Most people just don't think this can really happen," said Shakeshaft, hired by the Education Department to study the prevalence of sexual abuse in schools.

"We imagine that all teachers are like most teachers, in that they've gone into teaching to help children. Most do, but not all. We need to acknowledge that's the case and do something to stop it."

The report, required under the No Child Left Behind law and delivered to Congress on Wednesday, is the first to analyze the field of research about sexual misconduct at school.

Some educators immediately took issue with its approach, mainly the combining of sexual abuse with other behavior, such as gestures or notes, into one broad misconduct category.

But another prominent researcher supported the finding, suggesting, as Shakeshaft did, that they may even understate the problem. And the American

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Carol Shakeshaft

Author of report on sexual misconduct in schools

Association of University Women, whose surveys of students were at the core of the new report, stood by its research.

There have been no nationally financed studies to collect data about how common sexual misconduct is in school, one of many areas Shakeshaft suggests must be addressed.

Her analysis covered almost 900 documents and reviews that have dealt with the topic in one way, from private research and newspaper stories to reports for government agencies.

What she found portrays a problem that, no matter how uncommon, united groups of teachers, superintendents, parents and education leaders in concern — and disgust.

The report describes schools as places where abusers come to prey, targeting vulnerable and marginal students who are afraid to complain or unlikely to be believed if they did. It describes adults who trap, lie and isolate children, making them subject to unwanted behavior in hallways,

offices, buses or even right in front of other students in class. And the offenders work hard to keep kids from telling, threatening to fail or humiliate them.

Misconduct is defined in the report as physical, verbal or visual behavior, from sexually related jokes or pictures of sex to fondling of breasts and forced sex. Shakeshaft did not limit her review to sexual abuse because, she says, that would exclude other unacceptable adult behaviors that can drive kids from school and harm them for years.

The report found that teachers are the most common offenders, followed by coaches, substitute teachers, bus drivers and teacher aides. Among students, 56 percent of those targeted are girls, and 44 percent are boys, a smaller gap than commonly expected, Shakeshaft said.

Parents once lauded for caring for 18 now suspected of abuse

BY WOODY BAIRD
The Associated Press

TRENTON, Tenn. — A little more than a year after Thomas "Tom" and Debbie Schmitz were profiled in heart-warming news stories as religious, caring foster parents, 18 children have been removed from their home amid charges of abuse and neglect.

Police say some of the children — including those with physical disabilities and special behavioral needs — were beaten, left for long periods in a dark cellar and locked in a metal cage.

The Schmitzes stood silently at their first court appearance Tuesday. An attorney for Debbie Schmitz said she is innocent and will fight for the return of the children.

"She's not guilty of abuse as the law would define that," attorney Michael Robbins said.

Judge James Webb set a preliminary hearing Aug. 17 and allowed the couple to remain free on bond of \$50,000 for Debbie Schmitz, 44, and \$25,000 for Tom Schmitz, 45.

A few miles away, at the driveway leading to the Schmitzes' farmhouse, a 3-foot-wide, heart-shaped marker was adorned with 18 yellow bows, one for each child now in state custody. The children range in age from infant to 17 years.

The Schmitzes, who had a reputation for taking in hard-to-place children in need, came to this northwestern Tennessee

see town four years ago. Sheriff Joe Shepard said that was shortly after they were investigated on child abuse allegations in the Free Bay, Wis., area, where they had 11 children in their home. No criminal charges were filed in Wisconsin.

The allegations in Wisconsin



The Schmitz family of Trenton, Tenn., included 18 adopted, foster and biological children (one not shown). Most of the adopted children have special needs — physically, emotionally or mentally. The state Department of Children's Services removed all the children last week after nurses who worked in the home reported physical abuse and neglect.

were similar to the new ones, including that Debbie Schmitz drank heavily and most of the care for the younger children was provided by the older ones.

Shepard said the new allegations came from several of the children, as well as two nurses who worked at the home. Sheriff's Detective Don Curry said the children were required to clean the house and take care of two horses and other animals on the farm. He said one young teenager who needs a leg brace to walk told him she was beaten for not working fast enough and forced to sleep naked on the floor after breaking a ceramic vase.

Robbins said Debbie Schmitz

has adopted 11 of the children and two are her biological children. He said he was unsure about the custody status of the others.

Investigators are still unsure how the couple got custody of the children, and why so many special needs children were placed in their home.

Last year, several news organizations, including The Associated Press, produced feature stories about the couple. Debbie Schmitz stayed in the home with the children, while Tom Schmitz was a salesman for a company that rents portable toilets.

Debbie Schmitz told the AP then that she felt a religious calling to care for youngsters.

Beyonce, Jay-Z OutKast honored at BET Awards

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — R&B diva and actress Beyonce and her rap star boyfriend Jay-Z won separate awards and were honored for their hit song collaboration during Tuesday's 2004 BET Awards honoring musicians, actors and athletes.

Beyonce was named best female R&B artist, and Jay-Z won the award to top male hip-hop artist. They both won for their collaboration on the hit "Crazy in Love."

OutKast won multiple honors for video of the year and best group. A lifetime achievement award was given to the Isley Brothers and humanitarian honors were accepted by Danny Glover.

The categories and winners: ■ Video of the year: OutKast, "Hey Ya!"

■ Group: OutKast
■ Male R&B artist: Usher
■ Female R&B artist: Beyonce
■ Male hip-hop artist: Jay-Z
■ Female hip-hop artist: Missy Elliott

■ Collaboration: Beyonce with Jay-Z, "Crazy in Love"

■ New artist: Kanye West
■ Actor: Denzel Washington
■ Actress: Halle Berry

■ Male athlete of the year: LeBron James
■ Female athlete of the year: Serena Williams

■ Viewer's choice: Usher, featuring Ludacris and Lil Jon, "Yeah!"

Holiday revelers warned to be careful with fireworks

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hospital emergency room visits for fireworks-related injuries dipped by one-quarter in the past decade, but rose slightly from 2002 to 2003, federal regulators said Wednesday as they urged Americans to safely celebrate the Fourth of July.

Fireworks accidents resulted in some 9,300 emergency room vis-

its last year, including about 6,800 in the month surrounding Independence Day, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

Though that's a slight jump from the 8,800 injuries reported in 2002, emergency room visits generally have gone down since reaching highs of 12,500 in 1992 and 1994.

CPSC Chairman Hal Stratton attributed the decline to better en-

forcement against illegal fireworks, more consumer safety awareness and improvements by some manufacturers.

Males suffered about 72 percent of all injuries and children under 15 accounted for almost half the report said.

The commission noted six deaths related to fireworks last year, though it listed separately the fire in a Rhode Island night-

club that killed 100 people and was blamed on indoor pyrotechnics.

The government distributed these safety tips:

■ Make sure fireworks are legal in the area before buying or using.

■ Adults should always supervise.

■ Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not fully

functioned.

■ Never allow young children to ignite fireworks.

■ Never point or throw fireworks at another person.

■ Keep a bucket of water or a hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.

■ Light one item at a time, then move to the next instance.

■ Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them in metal or glass containers.

FACES 'N' PLACES



BY LUANIE LEE

Knight Ridder/Tribune

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Samantha Mathis should have known better, but she became an actress anyway. Mathis, who has costarred in films like "Pump Up the Volume," "The American President" and "American Psycho," is both the daughter and the granddaughter of actresses.

Still, she says she knew she wanted to perform when she was 12.

"My parents divorced when I was young, so I spent a lot of time with my mom on location, on sets, in trailers, at acting classes. My life has been spent in the industry. I did a play when I was 12 and it was really this sort of transcendent experience. And then I remember spending that summer between grade school and junior high school, there was a little-known cable station called HBO that was running 'Scarface' and 'Dog Day Afternoon' back-to-back all summer," she says.

"And I just was SO blown away by how different Al Pacino was in those two films, it really impressed me. And then there was a slew of Meryl Streep films that started coming on, and I just became entranced with the craft of acting and announced to my mother at 12 that that's what I wanted to do."

Of course, her mother, Bibi Besch ("Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan"), told her no. "In her brilliance, she said, 'Go study, take a class,' and then sort of made me jump through a series of hoops."

At 34, Mathis has mastered the hoop-jumping, and her performance in TNT's spooky "Salem's Lot," which recently aired in the States, proves it. As a waitress who joins neighbors (Rob Lowe, Andre Braugher and Donald Sutherland) in trying to uncover a murky evil that is metastasizing in a bucolic town, she adds just the right touch of innocence.

"I'd never done this genre before, never done a thriller or horror, so I was excited to take a crack at a different style of acting and filmmaking — to be in a Stephen King adaptation — which I hadn't done."

There are certain things that every actor wants to do. Every actor wants to do a Woody Allen movie and to do a Stephen King as well. It's an honor to be part of his legacy," she says, seated on an ivory-colored chenille love-seat in a hotel room here.

"My life has been spent in the industry."

Mathis on growing up in Hollywood

"I'd never done this genre before; never done a thriller or horror ..."

When Mathis was 16 her mother rented, agreeing to permit her daughter to try her hand at acting. "At that point a lot of her friends in the business, new I was interested and said to me, 'Let me know when you want to start working and I'll bring you in. I'll be your agent in a trial basis and see how it goes.' And I booked a job in three months. I did a pilot for a TV series."

She played an Amish girl in the family drama "Aaron's Way," which starred Merlin Olsen and suffered a short shelf-life. When she was 19 she costarred in the film "Pump Up the Volume," a solid hit which earned her an envious reputation and coupled her romantically with costar Christian Slater.

Though she has been linked with actors Noah Wyle, River Phoenix and Slater, she says she's having second thoughts. "It's hard to date, and to date in L.A. I don't really identify it with being harder as a 'famous' person. And maybe I'm still naive in that way, but it's just hard to meet people," she shrugs.

"And I think in this town it's just hard to meet a guy who wants to settle down. That's my experience. People come here to see fame and fortune and have very sexy lives. I'm sure there are great guys out there and I've dated a few, but I find it hard to meet people here in general that are interested in getting married and building a life and not just in being wildly successful in their career, not being the head of a studio or dating a 23-year-old and have a fast car."

Mathis' mother died of cancer eight years ago. Losing her mom transformed her, she says. "It made me really stop and take stock of my life. It changed my course. I've always been someone who was seeking now I'm even more on that path, seeking and trying to unearth whatever issues were there and heal wounds from childhood, and I think it made me take more notice of my health."

"Unfortunately, there are gifts you get in the loss of someone in your life that you say you'll hold onto, and they sort of come and go," she says.

"And I think it showed me the non-linearity of life. Maybe from watching so many movies and growing up with so many TV shows and films and having my mind saturated with them I like to think of life sort of working in neat days. And I remember going through the mourning for my mother and thinking, 'OK, I'll get through that first year through the first birthday, Christmas, Mother's Day and I'll get better.' And it just doesn't work that way."



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Techno and punk rule Mermaid Parade

Moby, Dick and a Lunachick celebrated a rite of summer in Brooklyn's annual Mermaid Parade, joining about 1,500 people who marched along the Coney Island boardwalk, many in nautical dress.

Techno artist Moby and punk rocker Theo Kogan of the Lunachicks were crowned as King Neptune and Queen Mermaid at the 22nd annual event on Saturday. Moby thanked the cheering crowd, joking that he was "enjoying the fruits of my power."

The parade is the creation of the tattooed and goateed Dick Zigun, who marched beneath a top hat.

Mermaids were joined by walking cans of tuna, and several participants — including one in a gorilla costume — rode in a hearse. Sean Allison, 35, sat on the hood.

"It was a howl," Allison said. "It was awesome."



Moby

Lange and Shepard sell estate

Oscar winner Jessica Lange and her companion, the playwright Sam Shepard, are selling the estate where they have lived for nine years.

The 12-room Victorian mansion, which sits on a 2½-acre site overlooking the St. Croix River in Stillwater, Minn., has been on the market since mid-May with an asking price of \$3.3 million.

"It's a remarkable property in every respect," said real estate agent Sharon O'Flannigan, who is handling the sale.

In 1995, Lange and Shepard paid \$415,000 for the house — a former bed-and-breakfast built in 1892 atop one of Stillwater's highest points — and \$125,000 for adjoining property.

Texan crowned Junior Miss America

Texan Shannon Essenpreis was crowned America's Junior Miss after belting out a Broadway showtune and soaring through interviews with her "bubbly" personality in Mobile, Ala.

Though Essenpreis was crowned Saturday night, television viewers won't see it until July as producers switch to a "reality TV" format. PAX Network camera crews followed the 50 contestants for two weeks leading up to Saturday's contest.

Essenpreis was among five finalists who were given on-the-spot questions tailored to their individual interests. She was asked how she would use the enthusiasm she displayed as her school's mascot into her planned career as a broadcast journalist.

Essenpreis won a \$50,000 scholarship.

Brkich heats up firefighting exhibit

Survivor winner Amber Brkich added a little heat to a local museum's firefighting exhibit.

Brkich, who got \$1 million and a fiancée while winning "Survivor All-Stars," donated bikinis she wore on the show for the display — and helped draw 200 people Saturday to an exhibit celebrating firefighters in her western hometown of Beaver, Pa.

"Those guys [firefighters] are the real survivors," Brkich said. "They're out in the community every day, and they deserve a lot of credit for the work they do."

Officials with the Beaver Area Historical Museum did their best to find a link between the 25-year-old reality-show contestant and the 170-year history of firefighting in the area.

"There are people making history right now in 2004, and Amber is certainly one of those," explained Minor, a museum board member.

Brkich's display includes bikinis she wore on "Survivor Australian Outback" and "Survivor All-Stars," a boomerang from an immunity challenge, a leather canteen and a blindfold.

Photos and stories from The Associated Press



Brkich



Essenpreis

Starbucks to slim some of its sinful drinks

BY ALLISON LINN
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Gary Lass didn't think twice before ordering his usual Starbucks grande mocha Frappuccino one sunny afternoon.

"I drink too many of these, and they're not good for me," the 63-year-old admitted a bit sheepishly as he sipped the 420-calorie chocolate, coffee and whipped cream concoction. "I always wish I hadn't afterward, but my craving overcomes common sense."

It may seem counterintuitive to say that coffee is fattening — and, indeed, a regular cup of joe at Starbucks has just 10 calories. But add a little milk, a splash of chocolate or a squirt of whipped cream and things can get considerably more caloric.

A 16-ounce nonfat latte weighs in at a meager 160 calories, but the same size mocha — with whole milk and whipped cream — jumps up to 400 calories.

The sweet, summery frozen drinks can be even more tempting — and sinful. The largest Java Chip Frappuccino tips the scales at 650 calories — 50 calories more than a Big Mac — and contains 25 grams of fat, compared with 33 grams for the Big Mac.

Surprised that your afternoon coffee break can be so caloric?



Gary Lass, 63, takes a sip from his grande mocha Frappuccino with whipped cream that he bought from a Seattle Starbucks last week.

Diane Javelli, a clinical dietitian with the University of Washington in Seattle, said many people do not count the calories they slurp, whether it's coffee, juice or soda.

"I think often we have the perception if we're drinking it, it doesn't have to have calories," she said.

When compiling a diet history, Javelli often walks through her

patient's coffee drink choice, breaking down everything from flavoring to milk fat.

She doesn't necessarily recommend cutting out lattes altogether — after all, there is protein, calcium and vitamin D in that milk — but she does often counsel patients to try a smaller size or limit themselves to just a few drinks a week.

For kids, however, Javelli is more cautious. The fat and calo-

Coffee calories

All the extras included in today's tasty coffee beverages turn a plain old cup o' joe into a dessert binge.

Whip cream	130 calories
Mocha, Caramel	per pump 25
Sugar packet	15
Milk:	
Whole	270
Nonfat	160
Soy	210
Coffee 16 oz	10

SOURCE:
Starbucks Corp.
Dan DeLorenzo • AP

lower-fat milk and artificial sweeteners. A 12-ounce serving of the new light drink will have 110 calories and 1 gram of fat, compared with 190 calories and 2.5 grams of fat for the regular version.

The Seattle-based chain of coffee shops also plans to stock stores with brochures detailing nutritional information about all their drinks. The same data has been available on Starbucks' Web site for about a year.

Despite the increased attention to obesity in America, Starbucks Senior Vice President Michelle Gass said the company has not seen a backlash from customers suddenly worried about how fattening their coffee is. The new light drinks and brochures, she said, "are just part of, in general, us trying to answer consumer needs."

Carl Sibilski, an analyst with Morningstar in Chicago, said he has not seen any evidence that sales of the higher-calorie Frappuccinos are down. The move to offer light drinks follows an industry trend toward more healthy foods, which could expand Starbucks' customer base, he said.

Still, he doubts the light Frappuccinos will be a blockbuster item. "I don't think that people are thinking about calories or the health of the products they buy when they go into a Starbucks," he said.

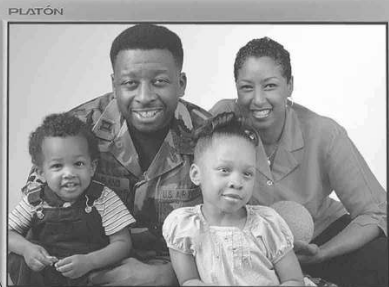
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Cannies and car seats: A safety debate

BY GORDON DICKSON

Knight Ridder/Tribune

FORT WORTH, Texas — Few phrases can make a dog's day like "C'mon, let's go in the car."

Many Americans take pets along on errands — through the bank's drive-through, to the corner store, to Dairy Queen. A car ride seems to make the animals happy, and it forges a family-style bond between master and cuddly beast.

But if, as the saying goes, people love their animals like children, why don't they buckle them up? A loose animal in an automobile can be a serious distraction and may cause nearly as many fatalities as cell phones, research shows.

Four-legged passengers can also be injured easily, even in a minor car accident, safety experts said. During a crash, they can become projectiles that bounce around inside the car, harming themselves and human occupants.

"I see people driving with dogs in their laps all the time, and I always think, 'What's happening here?' It's obviously dangerous," said Cindy Deardorf, a teacher who lives in Euless, Texas.

Restraint devices such as car seats and seat belts for dogs are for sale in many pet stores, but industry experts estimate that just a fraction of pet owners — perhaps less than 1 percent — use them.

Some people complain that it's a hassle to strap a dog into the harness. Others said there's no proof that seat belts for dogs save lives. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, which independently tests human safety features on vehicles, knows of no such testing for animal restraints.

Even so, Deardorf is considering buying a seat belt because her chocolate Labrador, Cassie, recently jumped out of the rear side window of a moving vehicle.

Thankfully, she said, the dog was not hurt by the fall or run over by other drivers on the



Ann Colbert of Euless, Texas, said her dog, Sandy, took immediately to her car seat. Many pet stores sell car restraint devices for animals, but industry experts say only a fraction of people use them.

Texas road where the incident took place.

"It scared me out of my mind," she said, adding that she never did figure out what spooked the dog into jumping. "I don't roll down the windows anymore."

Others argue that canines won't enjoy a ride in a car, or in the back of a pickup, if confined by a seat belt.

In Santa Fe, N.M., city officials recently turned down a proposal that would have required dogs to wear seat belts in cars. The city was flooded with complaints from people who wanted their dogs to be able to stick their noses out car windows.

Safety issues such as driver distractions sometimes take years to bubble up to the forefront of public consciousness, experts said.

"It's just a new concept, something people aren't aware of," said Tamara Bew, marketing director for Pethealth Inc., an insurance company for pets. "It's just like everything out there. It takes a while for everybody to get used to it."

Pethealth doesn't offer insurance discounts to pet owners with doggie seat belts — not yet, anyway, she said.

Driving while using a cell phone is illegal in some cities and states, but driving with an unrestrained pet is nearly as dangerous, said Jane Stuts, associate director of the Highway Safety Research Center at the University of North Carolina.

In a study of driver distractions conducted last year for AAA,

Stuts pored over narrative descriptions for 412 randomly selected accidents nationwide in 1998. She found four cases about 1 percent of the total — in which a dog barking, jumping or bumping the steering wheel was blamed.

"That's one percent of wrecks, but that's not piddly, because cell phones accounted for only 2 percent," she said. "We've all seen people carrying pets in their laps — they're licking the driver's face while he's trying to drive. It does cause crashes."

Driver distraction is becoming a much broader topic than the single issue of cell phones, said Ray Palermo, spokesman for Connecticut-based Response Insurance Co.

"It's not just the cell phones themselves that are the problem.

It's the distraction," Palermo said. "The distraction can be many things, including animals."

About 11 percent of drivers said they were recently distracted by a dog jumping around in their car, and 16 percent said it caused or nearly caused a crash, according to a nationwide survey conducted last year by Response Insurance. The survey included interviews with 1,946 people randomly selected from across the country.

All forms of driver distractions collectively account for approximately 7 percent to 9 percent of wrecks in the United States, experts said. That would be up to 3,780 of the 42,000 people killed on U.S. roads each year.

But the true count may be much higher, perhaps 20 percent to 30 percent, former National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Director L. Robert Shelton told Congress in 2001. Cases may be underreported because some police don't track distractions, and some drivers involved in crashes don't admit to being distracted.

Eighty-three percent of drivers said their greatest fear on the road is that other drivers aren't paying attention, according to the survey.

Ann Colbert of Euless didn't want to be one of those inattentive drivers. So in 2001, she bought a foam-lined car seat for Sandy, a 14-pound dog with white, curly fur. Sandy is part-bichon frise, part-Mexican hairless.

The seat cost \$70.

"It was always driving with her sitting on the console and with my arm around her," Colbert said. "I never had to make any sudden stops or anything, but I was always worried. I knew if I had to make a sudden stop, I would be more concerned with her not paying attention to what I was doing."

What's distracting you? In a nationwide survey last year, 1,046 randomly selected adults were asked what driving distractions they had experienced. In many cases, the distractions caused or almost caused wrecks.

Hawaii relaxes pet quarantine rules

BY JAYMES SONG

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Terry Ramey counted the days before she would see her beloved Walaze, the dog she left behind when she moved to Hawaii.

During their emotional reunion earlier this month at Honolulu International Airport, Ramey swept her black chow off its feet before being bombarded with sloppy, wet kisses.

"I was so happy I thought I was going to pass out," she said.

A little more than a year ago, that scene would have taken place at the state's quarantine facility at Halawa. But last week marked the one year anniversary since Hawaii eased its strict rabies quarantine regulations, allowing most pets to be released to their owners shortly after they arrive in Hawaii — in five days or less — instead of quarantining them for up to four months.

In the year since Gov. Linda Linale

signed the new rules, pet owners have flocked to Hawaii, with a record 6,600 cats and dogs admitted in the fiscal year ending Wednesday — up from 4,681 in the previous year.

Hawaii's original quarantine law, imposed in 1912 to keep rabies off the islands, required all animals entering Hawaii to be kept at the state quarantine facility for four months. The rules were revised in 1997 to cut that stay to 30 days for animals with the required shots. Hawaii remains the only rabies-free state in the nation.

The new regulations for shots, bloodwork and paperwork are complex, and pet owners must plan ahead. The process that allows them to take pets home from the airport must begin at least four months before they arrive.

Pets that were vaccinated, have electronic microchip identification and a blood test showing a rabies vaccination response can bypass quarantine.

Pets that don't meet the new rules are

confined for 30 days if vaccination and testing requirements are met, or 120 days if they are not.

Dr. James Foppoli, the state veterinarian, said 75 percent of pets this year met the requirements and were released directly to their owners at the airport.

"Having had a pet go through the old quarantine process, I know the stress that was placed on the animal and the pet owner," said Gov. Lingle, whose cockapoo dog, Spooky, spent four months in quarantine when she moved to Hawaii in 1975.

However, some pet owners still criticize Hawaii's quarantine as cruel, costly and unnecessary.

"It's cruel to animals, absolutely," said Chris Quackenbush, founder of the Community Quarantine Reform Coalition.

But Foppoli said he thinks the new guidelines strike a good balance. "It offers protection for the citizens of the state and it allows 75 percent of the people to bring their pets in without going through any quarantine."

Terry Ramey of Aiea, Hawaii, gives her black chow, Walaze, a hug after the pet made the trip from Las Vegas to be reunited with Ramey at Honolulu International Airport last week.

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S. Koreans want U.S. out

In reference to the June 26 Korea edition of Stars and Stripes South Koreans demon-
strating in fear of losing their base jobs ("Korean
base workers rally against job cuts"), it
certainly doesn't reflect how most South Ko-
reans feel concerning the U.S. military pres-
ence in the Republic of Korea.

The truth is, the majority of South Koreans
see the U.S. military presence in the Re-
public of Korea as a hindrance to their de-
sire for reunification.

The fact is, the U.S. government would be
much better off and a whole lot wiser to put
the money it wastes in South Korea, into U.S.
bases in the Pacific and into a missile
defense system.

Based on today's technology, having
ground forces forward deployed isn't good
military strategy. I believe the United States
could react very quickly and more effective-
ly required, to assist the Republic of
Korea from U.S. bases on U.S. territory in
the Pacific.

R.J. Moore
Seoul

Don't leave animals inside car

Despite all the warnings, I still see dogs
(and occasionally, a cat) left inside of
parked cars outside the post exchange or
commissary on a regular basis.

With these wonderful summer tempera-
tures, we have to remember that dogs can
suffer and die when left inside parked cars,
even on mildly warm days. On a 78-degree
day, the temperature inside a shaded car is
90 degrees, while the inside of a car parked
in the sun can reach 160 degrees in minutes.
Imagine poor Fluffy or Fido sitting in a
160-degree car, wearing a fur coat on top of
that! Animals can succumb to heatstroke in
just 15 minutes.

If you see a dog alone in a car, please
take down the car's color, model, make, and
license plate number and have the owner
paged inside the store, or call the police.

Do whatever is necessary to get the dog
out of the car. His or her life may depend on
it.

Angela Sutton
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Reservists deserve access to Tricare

BY SEN. TOM DASCHLE

LAST week Lt. Jeff Allen, an anesthetist
with the 348th Combat Support
Hospital, was awarded the Purple
Heart. Allen was hit with shrapnel
in his leg and near his eye when a home-
made bomb detonated under his Humvee in
Mosul, Iraq.

Even after being hit,
Allen reached his M-16 rifle and fired
several rounds to protect
his fellow soldiers.
Lt. Allen says that if
the bomb had detonated
an instant later, he
would have lost his
life.

Daschle

Lt. Allen is now
home beginning his re-
habilitation in Mark City, S.D., with his
wife, Andrea, and his twin sons, Ethan and
Abraham. All America stands united in grati-
tude for his service, and in debt for his sacri-
fice.

Lt. Allen's service as a member of the
Army Reserve signifies a new era for the
American military. Never before has our na-
tion organized its military to rely so heavily on
its Reserve forces, as the line is increas-
ingly blurred between the duties of full-time
and "part-time" soldiers.

In the last years of the Cold War, reservists
performed about 1 million duty days per
year. Last year, they performed 63 million.
America's so-called part-time soldiers are
playing a vital role in Iraq. In Iraq, 43
percent of the soldiers on the ground are
members of the National Guard or Re-
serve. Reservists face the same bullets,
and perform every bit as heroically as

full-time soldiers.

Unfortunately, the way we show our
thanks to Guard members and reservists
has not kept up with their changing respon-
sibilities. Even though they are risking their
lives on behalf of Iraq, many Guard
members and reservists will lose their
health insurance and be left without any cov-
erage whatsoever after their service is com-
pleted. In fact, 1 of every 5 Guard members
and reservists—and 40 percent of enlisted
personnel—have no health insurance.

I have met with many families of Guard
members and reservists from South Dakota
and across the country and have heard sim-
ilar anecdotes.

They tell me that just as they fear what
happen to their sons and daughters
during combat, they also fear that their
loved ones will lose their health-care
coverage once they return home.

To honor the service of our reservists and
ensure the Guard and Reserve are prepared
for whatever future mission our nation will
call them to, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.,
and I have introduced a bipartisan bill that
would enable the families of Guard mem-
bers and reservists to buy into the military's
Tricare health insurance system.

This would reduce health care costs to the
families of reservists and prevent the disrup-
tions in coverage caused by deployment
cycles.

Last year, the Senate passed a one-year
trial version of this program.

It's time to make it permanent.

Not only would Tricare bring the cost of
health care within the reach of Guard and
Reserve members and their families, but it
would reduce the chance that a Guard or Re-
serve unit could not deploy because too
many of its members had health problems.
During Operation Iraqi Freedom, 1 in 4

Guard members and reservists were unable
to report for duty because of a health condi-
tion. Entire units were unable to deploy be-
cause too many of their members were not
healthy enough to perform their duties.

Perhaps most important, Tricare would
ensure that the Guard and Reserve remain
attractive opportunities for Americans who
want to serve their country. The increasing-
ly long and frequent tour of duty have al-
ready discouraged many reservists from
re-enlisting. In the words of South Carolina
Gov. Mark Sanford, a member of the Air
Force Reserve, "The issue is a retention
issue.... You're going to see just an empty-
ing, when people's tickets are up, of Guards-
men not stepping up to the plate."

A recent survey of reservists found that
22 percent who had served long tours over-
seas were likely to quit when their tour is
up, rather than re-enlist. That is nearly
twice the rate of a few years ago.

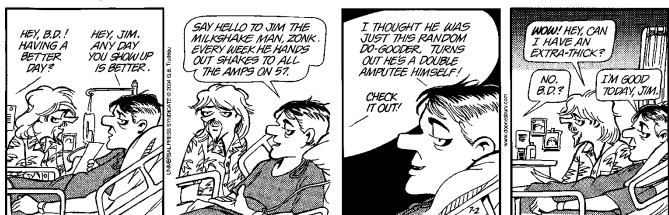
Unless this recruitment-retention crisis is
addressed, these losses could severely un-
dermine unit readiness and erode America's
national security. National Guard lead-
ers have told us the most important thing we
could do to increase retention and support
recruitment is to offer the Tricare benefit.

This weekend we celebrate Independence
Day, a time for our nation to remember
and pay tribute to those men and
women who gave their lives in the service of
their country. This year, we honor the hol-
iday with a special urgency and poignancy,
because tens of thousands of soldiers are fac-
ing mortal danger in Iraq. America's troops
and veterans deserve all the thanks our
grateful nation can offer. As they risk their
health and well-being for us, we must make
every effort to care for them when they re-
turn home.

Tom Daschle, a South Dakota Democrat,
is minority leader in the U.S. Senate.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury



OPINION

It takes a book tour to keep Clinton focused

Humorist Will Rogers once said about Republican Calvin Coolidge: "He was the best Democrat we ever had in the White House. He didn't do anything and that's exactly what we wanted done."

Dan Thomasson



That may be a partial explanation for the continuing popularity of Bill Clinton. Polls indicate he could run again for the presidency and win handily despite his tawdry behavior and lack of sustained focus on most of the nation's problems while serving as the 42nd president.

Certifying the accuracy of the surveys are the hundreds of thousands of Americans who have rushed to buy his ponderous life story, apparently in some part to revel in the spiciness of confessed peccadilloes. It is a public that never seems to tire of Monica Lewinsky and Jennifer Flowers and Paula Jones and cigars and soiled dresses.

It is extremely doubtful that the former president's hastily written memoirs — for which he received a \$10 million advance — would attract such enthusiasm based on his record. Other than the fact he was a beneficiary of an economy inflated beyond reason by the Gold Rush psychology of the brand-new Internet, there isn't a vibrant

record of achievement for one considered so bright.

His major domestic initiative, the revamping of the nation's health-care system, was a failure. After initially opposing it, he did sign a Republican welfare-reform bill for which he now claims credit.

He did win the North American Free Trade Agreement, but once again only with the support of the opposition party. And he managed to eliminate the deficit by doing nothing to interfere with the mountain of new revenues generated by the over-reaching "new economy" that lasted just long enough for him to end his watch.

On the foreign front, he failed to eliminate Osama bin Laden, although he tried. He didn't make any of the reforms in the national intelligence apparatus that might have helped avert Sept. 11 despite evidence that both the FBI and the CIA were woefully deficient in this area. He knew terrorism was a threat, but didn't overemphasize it. He failed to win any kind of meaningful accord between Israel and Palestine. He did have a major success in the Balkans.

Some of his lethargy can be attributed to the fact much of his time and energy the last two years of office were spent preoccupied with a troubled marriage; the disgrace of impeachment because of indiscreet activities with a White House intern and lies told about the affair under oath in a civil suit and to the public, and in defending himself in a Senate trial — only the second in the history of America. All of this was to the detriment of his official duties.



What is the answer to the Clinton mystique? One would hate to believe that it is simply his charm or a campaign technique that is indeed infectious. But that seems to be a major factor.

Conversely, those who don't like Clinton really seem to hate him, and the animosity he engenders in them may be his contribution to the deep political divisions that have overtaken the electorate. The feeling toward the current president by his opponents is much the same. Those who revile George W.

Bush seem to take their dislike to the utmost extreme. There is no middle ground, and chances are good the 50-50 split in this country will once again produce a narrow referendum not on who is the best candidate, but on Bush's performance.

In the meantime, Clinton will go on selling his 900-plus pages of self-indulgence. He was the perfect president who really did what the country wanted — not much.

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Iraq's security needs still beyond its troops' reach

BY MICHAEL O'HANLON

How do we succeed militarily in Iraq? Given the nature of counterinsurgency, this question is inseparable from succeeding in broader political and economic terms as well.

That said, there are aspects to the challenge that can be expressed and discussed largely from a military perspective. In addition, some basic facts figures pertaining to the security situation merit emphasis.

The starting point for this discussion must be that, despite a recent wave of greater optimism from the Bush administration and some conservative commentators, the security situation in Iraq is poor.

It is not just difficult; it is not just slow to improve, compared with what our initial hopes or expectations might have been. It is simply not promising, because we see no convincing signs of having turned the corner toward defeat of the insurgency.

Strategic failure in Iraq may not be an option, as many are wont to say, but also it is increasingly a possibility, and the principal reason is our inability, so far, to win the counterinsurgency.

The reasons are not hard to guess. While arresting and killing lots of enemy forces, we have detained or killed many innocent Iraqis — a far smaller number, to be sure, but still probably a significant number. That is just one aspect of a broader reality that we are failing to win many Iraqi hearts and minds. This fact is unfair, to be sure, given the valiant and professional efforts of the overwhelming majority of American troops in Iraq. But it is a fact.

The latest polling about the American presence in Iraq conducted just before Faluhaj and the Abu Ghraib scandal, revealed that Iraqis were still grateful that Saddam Hussein was gone, were still fearful of what

would happen once coalition forces left Iraq — but showed distrust of Americans running at more than 90 percent.

It is very difficult to prevail in counterinsurgency when a population so mistrusts the occupying power, because it will probably provide ample recruits to sustain a resistance movement and will be unlikely to provide the kinds and quantities of intelligence needed to find insurgents and capture or kill them.

In addition, two more discouraging points need to be underscored.

First, crime rates remain very high — probably several times what they were in Iraq under Saddam. Normal Iraqis do not find the streets safe. The Pentagon has been reluctant to acknowledge this state of affairs, but virtually all non-official visitors to Iraq emphasize it, and most available statistics reinforce the point.

Second, new Iraqi security institutions are being created extremely slowly. After a year's effort, only about 10 percent of

planned army and police forces have been properly trained. It is hard to understand why this should be the case.

What to do? Many of the standard prescriptions are surely right, including:

- transferring sovereignty to defuse anti-Americanism;
- getting the \$18 billion from 2003's supplemental appropriation flowing to Iraq faster to improve the quality of life and raise employment levels;
- accelerating training of security forces; and
- bringing some former Iraqi security forces and even some militias into the new security institutions so that we can reduce the American face on security activities.

There are two final points to add. First, we need to have Iraqi security forces trained within a year.

If this means devoting 10 percent of the police academies and military basic training facilities in NATO and Arab countries to the job, so be it. We must view Iraq as a

genuine strategic crisis, not just a problem that can be solved with a little more patience and a few more resources, as recent Bush administration statements seem to suggest.

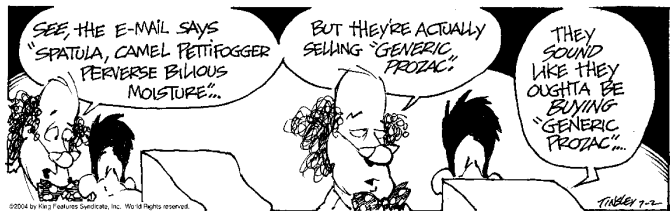
Second, in line with the latest U.N. resolution, and as former deputy national security adviser James Steinberg and I proposed in May, the United States should announce that the military mission will end once a new Iraqi constitution is adopted at the end of the next year.

The goal here, as with the transfer of sovereignty, is to empower Iraqis — symbolically and practically — and to counter Iraqi anti-Americanism. We should be willing to stay thereafter; in fact, we should want to stay. But the U.S. presence should be under new auspices, in a new mission, with smaller foreign forces and more Iraqi responsibility. Above all, a sovereign Iraq should explicitly request the new mission rather than have it continue by default.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Hot time in Alaska

AK FAIRBANKS — Ice, bottled water, wading pools and fans are hot commodities for residents seeking ways to cool down in near record-breaking temperatures in Alaska's interior.

The items are flying off shelves faster than they can be restocked, according to store managers.

"We've sold more fans this year than we have ever sold," said Scott McCulloch, manager of the Fred Meyer store in West Fairbanks.

"In the last 10 days, we've topped 1,000 (in sales)," he said. Temperatures in Fairbanks reached 84 degrees on Sunday, and it was a steamy 88 degrees at Fort Wainwright, a high for the state.

SUV's splash landing

HI HONOLULU — A special tour truck was brought in to lift an SUV from a backyard swimming pool in Hawaii Kai.

Homeowner Katherine Peacock was marking her 80th birthday Saturday when she saw the vehicle fly through the air and crash into eight feet of water in her pool.

The husband and wife in the SUV escaped injury. The woman had been taking a driving lesson. She had turned onto Nuanuku Loop when she swerved to avoid an oncoming car and crashed through Peacock's fence and into her pool.

Dress code protest

KY LOUISVILLE — The ACLU is objecting to a ban on sports jerseys, sleeveless shirts and backward baseball caps in Louisville's new nightclub district, saying the dress code is biased against blacks and poor people.

The city has given the developer of the month-old Fourth Street Live power to enforce its dress code three nights a week during special events along the blocklong stretch restaurants, bars and shops. During those nights, the city street is blocked off, and bouncers decide who does or doesn't meet the dress code.

Hiking tragedy

ME MILLINOCKETT — A rock slide on a popular trail on Mount Katahdin killed one hiker who became trapped under a boulder and injured another, officials said Sunday.

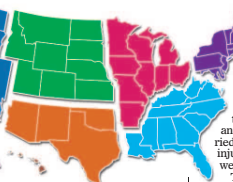
The injured hiker and two other people caught in Saturday's rock slide were rescued and walked down the mountain during the night, said Irvin "Buzz" Caverly Jr., director of Baxter State Park in northern Maine.

About 60 people helped search Katahdin, Maine's highest peak and the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail, for the group of four hikers. The slide occurred at about 4,100 feet along Cathedral Trail in the mile-high mountain's south basin.

The crew of a Maine Army National Guard Black Hawk helicopter removed the body of Roger Cooper, 52, of Bangor, late Sunday morning, Caverly said.

Squeaking by

NY NEW YORK — About 1,500 third-graders who had been in danger of being held back for a year will be allowed to enter the



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fourth grade in the fall, the Department of Education said.

The students can move forward because reviews of their portfolios found class work that was considered stronger than their scores on citywide math and reading tests, officials said Thursday.

More than 9,000 third-graders still remain at risk of failing after scoring poorly on at least one of the exams and can to retake the tests after attending summer school this summer.

Carolina celebrates

SC CHARLESTON — While the nation celebrates July Fourth next weekend, Charlestonians on Monday celebrated another important date from the year 1776.

Carolina Day is the anniversary of the Battle of Sullivan Island when, just a few days before independence was declared in Philadelphia, America's maiming a fort of sand and palmetto logs turned back a British fleet intent on seizing Charleston.

Sullivan Island was the first decisive victory of the Revolution for the patriots, coming days before the Declaration of Independence. Ten Americans were killed and 22 wounded in the fight.

"This was the day when the bedrock of our own liberty was carved out here in the Carolinas," said Rev. Philip Bryant, the pastor of



New friend

Tucker Legg, 7, of Mustang, Okla., looks at a Buckeye butterfly Monday in Oklahoma City during a dedication ceremony of the new "Flowers in Flight" exhibit at the Oklahoma City Zoo.

the Huguenot Church which was organized in 1681.

Wedding death

VT ISLE LA MOTTE — A burst of wind uprooted a tent minutes after Jason and Carrie Guyette were married Saturday, killing one and injuring more than a dozen wedding guests.

The groom's step-grandmother was killed after a falling pole hit her. Police and hospital officials did not release her name Sunday.

Seven people were transported to area hospitals by ambulance.

Six were treated at Northwest Medical Center in St. Albans for minor cuts, scrapes, abrasions and lacerations, Nursing Supervisor Valerie Martel said. One person was held overnight with a concussion and lacerations.

Car porn conviction

NY SCHENECTADY — A man caught playing an adult film in his car will now have to serve jail time.

Andre Gaaney, 35, of Clifton Park, pleaded guilty to public display of sexual material and two other misdemeanors Friday. He's expected to draw a 30-day jail term when he's sentenced in August.

Gaaney's lawyer, Patrick Greene, said Gaaney didn't know he was breaking the law when he played the X-rated DVD on three screens visible from the outside of his Mercedes-Benz in February.

Police officers noticed the movie as Gaaney drove near the downtown headquarters, 10 miles northwest of Albany.

Top fugitive nabbed

TX LAREDO — One of the U.S. Marshals' Service most wanted fugitives was in a South Texas jail Monday.

Robert Glenn Brown, 39, was arrested Sunday without incident after police got a tip about his hideout in a subdivision, police said.

Brown was wanted in connection with a 2003 shooting death of Larry Hawkins, according to a U.S. Marshals' statement. Brown was seen driving a stolen motorcycle and in possession of items stolen from Hawkins, eyewitnesses told police in Monday's editions of the Laredo Morning Times.

Embarrassing fire

CA SALINAS — A costly fire in an embarrassing location has led to a battle in court.

Officials here say an illuminated nature scene sparked a blaze that caused \$2 million in damage in a building that lacked sprinklers, fire alarms and smoke detectors, even though it served as headquarters for Salinas' chief fire-prevention officer.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection concluded that faulty electrical components in the backlit picture of a waterfall, a gift to the fire marshal from his wife, caused the August 2002 fire. The picture was kept on top of a wooden cabinet.

The city is suing the owners of the store where the gift was purchased; Los Angeles-based Telstar Trading Co., which city lawyers claim is the product's wholesaler or distributor; and New Continental International Corp. of Ontario, identified in court papers as the manufacturer or distributor.



Look out

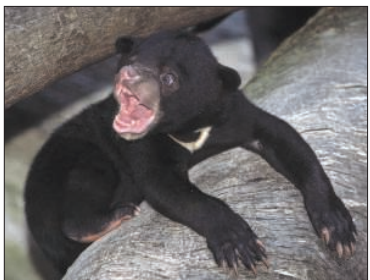
The SA-60 low-altitude surveillance airship begins its descent over a field at Captain

Walter Francis Duke Regional Airport in Hollywood, Md., during a demonstration flight for the media. The airship, which is 62 feet round and weighs 4,500 pounds, reached an altitude of 10,700 feet. The prototype, built by Techsphere Systems, is being considered for military use.



A scenic trip

A kayaker paddles on Moosehead Lake at Lily Bay State Park in May in Beaver Cove, Maine. The 3,200-foot Big Moose Mountain rises near the southwestern shore.



Little explorer

Bornean sun bear cub, Duma, calls to his mom while exploring

his Sun Bear Forest exhibit at the San Diego Zoo. It was the first time the 4-month old cub, born Feb. 17, has left his den to explore the outdoor exhibit.



Making a splash
first opened Dec. 23, 1924.

Kids looking to escape the summer heat leap into the Venetian Pool on Monday in Coral Gables, Fla. The historic Venetian Pool is spring-fed and



Big air

Extreme freestyle motocross rider Pat Darnell, of Kirkland, Wash., flies through the air on his way to a landing during the Big Air Bash at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. Darnell is a member of the Metal Militia trick team.



Comic crawler

A worker hangs a seven-story Spider-Man on the side of the Suncoast Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. The casino is home to a cinema multiplex. "Spider-Man 2" opened June 30 in the States.



Nighttime coming

The setting sun casts a deep orange glow over downtown Daytona Beach, Fla., and the cross of a local church.

West Virginia winds

WV CHARLESTON — Two West Virginia congressmen, believing wind turbines are an eyesore and a threat to migratory birds, want congressional auditors to study such energy projects along the Appalachian Mountains. Reps. Alan Mollohan and Nick Rahall, both D-W.Va., asked the General Accounting Office last week to examine how wind turbines are regulated and what effects the projects have on birds in several Mid-Atlantic states, including West Virginia. "There is nothing more beautiful than my West Virginia hills," Mollohan said. "And I don't need windmills to re-landscape God's glory and my West Virginia hills."

Registration thefts

NH NASHUA — A former clerk in the city's Department of Motor Vehicle Registration is accused of stealing about \$10,000 during her two-year stint. Police last week charged Jene Courounis Leonard, 24, with felony theft, which carries a prison sentence of up to 15 years. Leonard is accused of pocketing cash paid in state and city licensing fees and not sending the registration information to the state Division of Motor Vehicles. Auditors are trying to determine how many Nashua vehicles on the road are unregistered.

Judge sorry for remark

NY NEW YORK — A federal judge offered his "profound regret" for saying President Bush's rise to power was similar to that of Mussolini and Hitler. Judge Guido Calabresi, 71, of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan, drew an audible gasp from lawyers attending a convention of the American Constitution Society in Washington, according to the New York Sun, which quoted the speech last week. "My remarks were extemporaneous and, in hindsight, reasonably could be — and indeed have been — understood to do something which I did not intend, that is, take a partisan position," Calabresi wrote in a letter of apology to Chief Judge John Walker.

School museum

MS JACKSON — A museum documenting the history and accomplishments of an all-black school will open this week. The Picayune Carver Culture Museum Board founded the museum in honor of George Washington Carver High School and its former students. During segregation the school managed to field a nationally ranked football team and sent students to top colleges.

Indiana deadbeat list

IN INDIANAPOLIS — Beginning Thursday, the Indiana Department of Revenue will post on its Web site the names of individuals and businesses who haven't paid tax bills of \$1,000 or more for at least two years and have warrants against them. The agency collected more than \$900,000 in back taxes after sending warning letters in mid-May to

delinquent taxpayers.

Juvenile camp flap

NM FORT STANTON — A state proposal to close a juvenile corrections camp near Ruidoso has run into opposition. Camp Sierra Blanca houses low-risk, nonviolent teenage offenders. Officials say the camp is losing money, has fire safety problems and houses only 21 teens. Supporters, including judges and police chiefs, say it has an outstanding record of rehabilitating young people.

Overdue diploma

NY NEW YORK — A valedictorian, denied her diploma after she criticized her high school during a graduation speech, will receive the diploma at a ceremony on Thursday. The decision to grant Tiffany Schley her diploma from the High School of Legal Studies was made after a tearful Schley, her mother and supporters held a news conference Monday outside City Hall to demand an apology from education officials. In her graduation speech last week, Schley criticized her Brooklyn high school, citing such issues as overcrowding and inadequate testing and guidance counseling. When she later went to pick up her diploma, she was refused and told to apologize — a move the mayor termed a "bonehead" decision made by a "bozo."

Police misconduct

MN MINNEAPOLIS — The city has already paid more to settle police misconduct claims than in any 12-month reporting period since 1998, officials said. Since December 2003, the city has paid \$1.6 million to resolve seven cases. Minneapolis city attorney's office calls this year's settlements an aberration. The record pace has some council members concerned.

Yellow ribbon thief

IA BETTENDORF — When yellow ribbons in Bob Saskowski's yard started disappearing, he suspected evil intentions. "Every time it disappeared, I would hang a new one," said Saskowski, who tied the ribbons with his wife, Alexis, in support of their son and other troops in Iraq. The disappearances went on for eight months.

The last straw for Saskowski was when three ribbons disappeared in three days. So Bob Saskowski appealed to his neighbors, asking them to talk to their teenagers about respect and patriotism and asked for their help. Neighbors responded by adding yellow ribbons to the trees in their yards in defiance of the thief. The ribbons kept disappearing, but only from the Saskowski yard. Six weeks later, they caught the culprit on videotape. The ribbons were being shimmed slowly down the trunk by a squirrel. "We can laugh now," Saskowski said. "Before, it was not funny."

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Horoscope

Many folks take off work now to start the Fourth of July weekend early — the full moon makes such arrangements seem irresistible. This full moon is in respectful Capricorn, which is as patriotic as it gets for this occasion! Plans that focus on honoring all that's right about the United States of America will be the most successful.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(July 2). You're more committed than ever to living fully and therefore will enjoy a colorful year featuring many new "characters" in your personal drama. This month shows you making money hand over fist. Single people may find a lot, finding a new world of social and romantic opportunity. Couples: Marriage is the question that is answered in August.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You have an insatiable appetite for learning. You'll be surprised to discover that romance seems like a distraction, even a hindrance, to your quest. Paradoxically, this makes you all the sexier.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

The stars will turbo-charge you, so it's likely you will go for an extra round of exercise, catch more errands than you planned or handle a couple more meetings than were scheduled. Avoid formalities, and get right to the point.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You've chosen a colorful crowd, as usual. But what you'll learn about some of your friends will be most unusual and not at all what you expected. Enthusiastically support others for their differences as well as their similarities.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Social energy is whirling. It only takes a smile to start a conversation. But when it comes to making plans for the future, casual as they may be, you must decide very carefully whom you want in your life on a regular basis.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Your intuitive channels are wide open. It's difficult to be around anyone with upsetting habits or a natural tendency

to push the emergency buttons. Face the truth about a relationship, and handle a less-than-optimum situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Flushing about is one way to get the job done but not the smart way.

Accomplishing goals with the fewest moves is the name of the game. Take precautions. Call to confirm appointments, bring the map, and allow for traffic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

You are wise and full of workable solutions. Invite people to your way of thinking. A sense of emotional well-being makes it easier for you to communicate your concepts in a simple, accessible way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Optimism will conquer your fear of the unknown. Ask for the good of all (or at least most). Although you feel a strong connection with a sweetie, it's not the time to ask for a commitment. Promises made now are easily broken.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

You might be surprised at your own outrageousness! Something you want/need/covet is available, and you'll do just about anything to get it, including braving the traffic and crowds. Whew!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

There's a mixed bag of cosmic energies affecting you. The cast of characters is a circular circus — talented people expressing themselves in ways you never would have dreamed. Laughter, music and poetry fill your world.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

There's some satisfaction when people around you point out how popular you are — it's almost embarrassing, but why should you be modest? Not only do you know everyone, you know the right people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You thoroughly enjoy your own company! And why shouldn't you? The more time you spend getting to know yourself, your tendencies and your talents, the more attractive you become. Banish self-imposed limitations.

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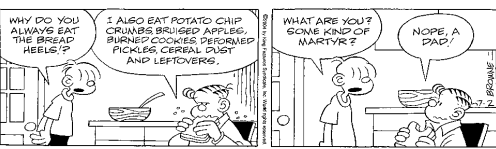
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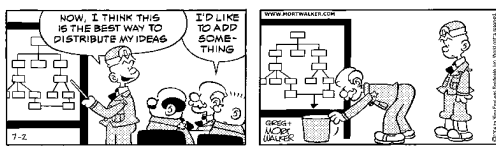
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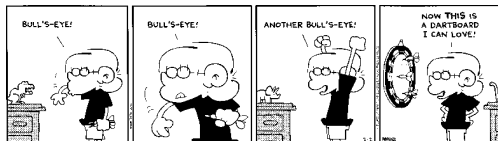
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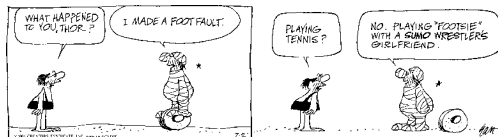
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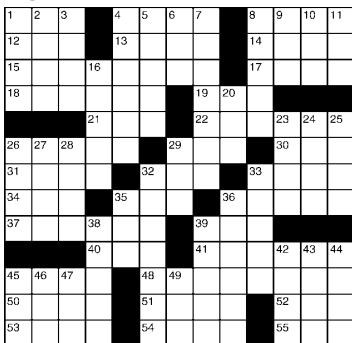
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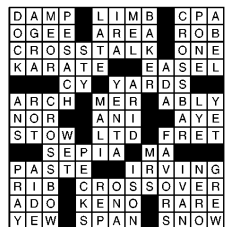
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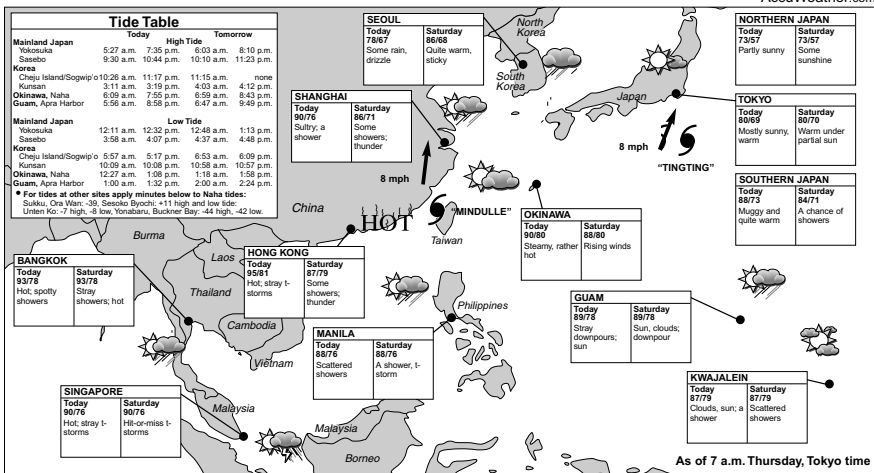
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals A

The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO
 Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 90, low 72.
 Monday: Showers, high 83, low 78.

KADENA
 Sunday: Rain, high 86, low 78.
 Monday: Showers, high 86, low 78.

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 Sunday: Rain, high 79, low 62.
 Monday: Partly sunny, high 84, low 67.

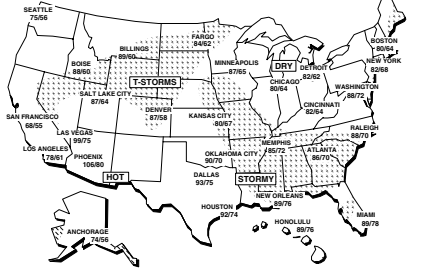
MANILA
 Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 90, low 78.
 Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 90, low 78.

HAGATNA
 Sunday: Showers, high 89, low 78.
 Monday: Showers, high 89, low 78.

Wednesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	85/61	Los Angeles	76/81
Amarillo	84/62	Little Rock	82/70
Anchorage	75/58	Louisville	86/69
Ashville	78/63	Miami	91/78
Baltimore	85/65	Milwaukee	83/64
Birmingham	81/70	Nashville	84/68
Bismarck	90/61	New York	86/70
Boise	91/63	Omaha	85/66
Boston	84/64	Orlando	91/73
Brownsville	94/76	Philadelphia	86/68
Buffalo	78/62	Phoenix	105/76
Burlington	77/57	Pittsburgh	80/69
Charleston, SC	89/74	Portland, OR	84/58
Charlotte	85/68	Portland, ME	77/56
Cleveland	83/62	Salt Lake City	86/63
Columbus, OH	84/63	St. Louis	87/69
Duluth	84/53	San Antonio	87/75
El Paso	92/64	San Diego	71/64
Hartford	84/61	San Juan	90/76
Helena	82/58	Tampa	91/75
Indianapolis	85/64	Tulsa	81/67
Jacksonville	91/72	Washington	87/69
Kansas City	84/67	Wichita	84/67

Friday, July 02



U.S. Extended Forecast

The main weather feature Friday through Sunday will be an upper-level area of low pressure that will move from the central Plains to the Great Lakes. This feature will trigger widespread showers and thunderstorms each day. Showers and thunderstorms will form from the Carolinas to the central and northern Plains. The Northeast will be mainly dry and cool with some sunshine. High pressure building over the Rocky Mountains will cause showers and thunderstorms to be less widespread than recent days. The West Coast will be mainly dry.

Friday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	93/78	Iwakuni	89/70
Beijing	91/75	Kadena AB	90/80
Camp Casey	77/67	Kansan AB	77/69
Christchurch	43/32	Kwajalein	87/79
Diego Garcia	83/75	Manila	88/76
Hagatna	89/78	Misawa AB	75/59
Hanoi	95/82	Osan	76/66
Hong Kong	95/81	Perth	60/41
Honolulu	89/76	Pusan	75/55

Friday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	92/76	Kabul	69/52
Athens	89/72	Buenos Aires	66/45
Auckland	57/46	Cairo	104/70
Baghdad	112/76	Cancun	85/46
Barbados	86/71	Cape Town	93/68
Barcelona	77/61	Geneva	72/55
Berlin	70/49	Islamabad	81/66
Bermuda	81/70	Jerusalem	90/66
Brussels	64/44	Johannesburg	91/64
		Moscow	75/56
		New Delhi	108/81
		Oslo	58/44
		Paris	63/46
		Rio de Janeiro	78/66
		Rome	87/66
		St. Petersburg	72/51
		Stockholm	62/49
		Warsaw	72/52



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MOVIES

SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	*ESPNews	Headline News	The Simpsons "Simple Simpson" Homer is the Pie Man (CC)	Malcolm in the Middle High school censorship. (CC)	The Apprentice (CC)	Also "Crossings" Jack can save Sydney and Vaughn from a firing squad, but there's a big catch. (CC)	Headline News	The Tonight Show (CC)	Late Show (CC)		
7	AFN-ATL	6:30 Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)		House of Mouse (CC)	Rock's Modern Life (CC)	Ozzy & Drix Tribal mayhem. (CC)	As Told by Ginger	
8	NEWS	PrimeTime Thursday (CC)		The O'Reilly Factor (CC)		Good Morning America (CC)		Headline News	ABC World News This Morning (CC)	The Early Show (CC)		
9	SPORTS	H4-U (CC)	Golf			SportsCenter	**Tennis Wimbledon - Women's Semifinal. (Same-day Tape)		*SportsCenter			*Totally NASCAR
10	SPEC	The Dead Zone "The Storm" Johnny tries to come to terms with his destiny, but he has loved ones. (CC)		Boston Public Maria makes her students pick up garbage. Christine Banks has a big match. (CC)		The Crocodile Hunter "Sabutan Killers" Steve and Terri introduce venomous snakes found in the suburbs. (CC)	Toyota World of Wonder: The okay of a Texas zoo. (CC)	Animal Adventure "The Island of a Renegade Dream" The search of a renegade dream. (CC)	Buffy the Vampire Slayer "As You Were" Riley returns to Sunnyvale in search of a renegade dream. (CC)	The X-Files "Arcadia" Mulder and Scully pose as a married couple to infiltrate a gated community. (CC)		
11	TMC	*** "Moscow on the Hudson" (1984, Comedy) Robin Williams, Maria Conchita Alonso, Cleopatra Desideri. A Russian circus musician defies and learns America's ways. (CC)		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (CC)		*** "Barbershop" (2002, Comedy) Ice Cube, Anthony Anderson, Cedric the Entertainer. A barbershop owner considers selling his establishment. PG-13 (CC)	(45) *** "Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams" (2002, Adventure) Antonio Banderas, Carla Gugino, Alexa Vega, Young Jeezy and their rivals search for the real (CC)	(45) *** "Domie Bracco" (1997) A Pacific, RI (CC)				
12	PBS	Clifford the Big Red Dog "Tough Enough" (S)	Dragon Tales (CC) (TV) (DS)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (CC)		Washington Week With News (CC)	Wall Street Week With Fortune (N) (CC)	Now With Bill Moyers (N) (CC)	Tucker Carlson: Unfiltered (Series Premiere) (N) (CC)	Staying at a Light House (CC)	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)	
13	SHOW	(15) *** "Abandon" (2002, Suspense) Katie Holmes, Benjamin Bratt, Charlie Hunnam. A college student's long-missing boyfriend stalks her. PG-13 (CC)		American Justice "Blasphemy for Murder" Victims' kin sue publishers of a guide for hit men. (CC)		*** "The Fourth Angel" (2001, Suspense) Jeremy Irons, Forest Whitaker, Charlotte Rampling. A man seeks revenge on the terrorists who killed his family. (CC)	(45) Movie News "The Starford West" (CC)	Dead Like Me "Sunday Morning" (CC)	(45) Movie News "The Starford West" (CC)	Free Fall at Clay and Johnny make the deal. (CC)	Family Business Steve runs the business. (CC)	
14	A&E	City Confidential "Park City" A gay man is shot dead at a mining town. (CC)		To Be Announced		Biography "Sette Morte" Sette Morte. (CC)		Biography "Liza Minnelli" Liza Minnelli. (CC)				
15	DISC	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Africa's Great Rivers	Africa's Great Rivers	Wild and Dangerous	To Be Announced			
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18	DISC	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Africa's Great Rivers	Africa's Great Rivers	Wild and Dangerous	To Be Announced			
19	TFC	(5-5) Binda Si Mister, Binda Si Misis	Insider	In Private	Business	Insider	Baltong America (In Tagalog)	Morning Girls (CC)	(40) Maayang Taghali Bayan		(10) Zip Kila	(35) Sarah...Teen Princess (CC)
20	CNN-I	Larry King Live (CC)	CNN World News	World Sport	Business	Insider	Baltong America (In Tagalog)	Morning Girls (CC)	Biz Asia	CNN World News	World Sport	Biz Asia
31	GOLF	*European PGA Golf European Open - First Round. From Dublin, Ireland.						*Golf Channel	*Golf Central	*Golf Channel	*Golf Central	*European PGA Golf European Open - First Round. Live
32	TLC	Clean Sweep "Finish it or Pitch it" Craft materials pile up. (CC)	Trading Spas: Family "Lava Movie" Mulder's family, living room. (CC)	While You Were Out "Baltimore: The Tasting Room" Renovating an old-shadown kitchen. (CC)				While You Were Out "Baltimore: The Tasting Room" Renovating an old-shadown kitchen. (CC)	What Not to Wear (N) (CC)	The Tasting Room "Renovating an old-shadown kitchen. (CC)	Detective Squad	
33	TOON	Powerpuff Girls "Dexter's Laboratory" (CC)	The Planets "The Planets' Funniest Animals" (CC)	Crocodile Hunter "Wild River of the Nile crocodiles. (CC)				Crocodile Hunter "Wild River of the Nile crocodiles. (CC)	What Not to Wear (N) (CC)	The Tasting Room "Renovating an old-shadown kitchen. (CC)	Detective Squad	
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter "Wild River of the Nile crocodiles. (CC)	The Planets "The Planets' Funniest Animals" (CC)	Crocodile Hunter "Wild River of the Nile crocodiles. (CC)				Crocodile Hunter "Wild River of the Nile crocodiles. (CC)	What Not to Wear (N) (CC)	The Tasting Room "Renovating an old-shadown kitchen. (CC)	Detective Squad	
36	COM	Late Night Tom Hanks; Sam Moore. (CC)	The Daily Show "The Daily Show" (CC)	Mouth Off: 51 Greatest Smart-ASSES (N) (CC)				Mouth Off: 51 Greatest Smart-ASSES (N) (CC)	Deniz Leary: No Cure for Cancer (CC)	Comedy Central Presents Jackie Giraldo. (CC)	Comedy Central Presents Jackie Giraldo. (CC)	
40	NGC-A	Men of Iron (Part 3 of 3)	Toyoda World of Wildlife	Planets Wild				Planets Wild	Hunting for Lions	Beyond the Movie: The Lord of the Rings - The Return of the King		
42	SPK	Horsepower TV (CC)	Horsepower TV (CC)	Star Trek: The Next Generation Data attempts to save an alien friend. (CC)				Star Trek: The Next Generation "The Whorl" (CC)	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "Past Tense" (Part 2 of 2) (CC)	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "Past Tense" (Part 2 of 2) (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Buried" (CC)	
43	FOX	Fame (CC)	Blind Date: Last-minute dating advice. (CC)	Blind Date: Last-minute dating advice. (CC)				The Jury "The Jury" (CC)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (CC)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith (CC)	Cagney & Lacey "Lacey" (CC)	
44	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live "Pasey" (CC)	BET.com Countdown	BET.com Countdown				BET.com Countdown	Club Comic View Presents "Joy" (CC)	BET Nightly News	Access Granted	
45	COURT	Body of Evidence "Body of Evidence" (CC)	Body of Evidence "Body of Evidence" (CC)	Body of Evidence "Body of Evidence" (CC)				Body of Evidence "Body of Evidence" (CC)	Crime Stories "Scout Master's Secret" (CC)	Crime Stories "Scout Master's Secret" (CC)	Fake Out (N)	
46	STR-WD	Baywatch (CC)	The Simpsons (CC)	Cheers (CC)				Cheers (CC)	I Dare You	Nash Bridges (CC)		
50	LIFE	The Golden Girls "The Golden Girls" (CC)	Head 2 Toe A couple goes nuts for a statue. (CC)	Merge (CC)				"Mind Prey" (1994, Drama) Eric La Salle, Sheila Kelley, Tinsy Weliver. A detective must give the name of a kidnapper. (CC)	What Should You Do? (Season Premiere) (N) (CC)	Merge (CC)		
51	ABCFM	Full House "Full House" (CC)	Full House "Full House" (CC)	Full House "Full House" (CC)				Full House "Full House" (CC)	Who's Line Is It Anyway? (CC)	Who's Line Is It Anyway? (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)	
53	HIST	Enduring Mystery of Stonehenge (CC)	Modern Marvels "Modern Marvels" (CC)	Modern Marvels "Modern Marvels" (CC)				Modern Marvels "Modern Marvels" (CC)	Modern Marvels "Modern Marvels" (CC)	Modern Marvels "Modern Marvels" (CC)	Modern Marvels "Modern Marvels" (CC)	
57	STR-W	(8-15) *** "Movie Without You" (2001) Anna Friel. Two longtime friends begin to suspect each other. (CC)	(8-15) *** "When a Man Loves a Woman" (1994, Drama) Andy Garcia, Meg Ryan, Lauren Tom. Alcoholism threatens to tear a San Francisco family apart. (CC)					*** "What a Girl Wants" (2003, Comedy) Amanda Peet, Kelly Preston. A plucky teenager goes to London to meet her father. (CC)	(40) *** "Child's Play" (1988, Horror) Catherine Hicks, Chris Sarandon, Alex Vincent. An insane killer's soul turns a child's doll into a murder weapon. (CC)			
58	ADV 1	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced				To Be Announced	*Surfer's Journal	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	
59	MTV	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica	The Ashlee Simpson Show TV to music transition.	The Real World "San Diego" (CC)				The Real World "San Diego" (CC)	Viva La Bam	Pimp My Ride	Punk'd	Wild Boyz
60	NICK	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	Rugrats Angelica muses Santa quit. (E) (CC)	Scarecrow Camp				SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	Invader Zim	Rugrats Angelica muses Santa quit. (E) (CC)	The Family Odd-Parents (CC)	As Told by Ginger

JAPAN TV

Morning
7:30 Disney (12)
Afternoon
9:50 News
Evening
6:15 Japan Pro Ball: Yokohama BayStars vs. Chunichi Dragons (45)
7:00 NHK News (1)
7:00 Japan Pro Ball: Hiroshima Carp vs. Yomiuri Giants (6)
7:00 News (1)
11:00 Music Access: Jack Johnson & Doni Frankenberger (42)
1:40 Ultimate Fighting: Kyushin Karate America's Cup (8)
1:55 Wimbledon Tennis 2004: Men's Singles Final (1)
2:50 CBS Documentary (5)
2:50 U.S. Movie (1986): Salvador 1:50 (12)
3:10 U.S. Movie (1989): Sex-Devil 1:50 (12)

JAPAN TV-B57

Morning
6:00 Top News from Around the World
6:30 Top News from Around the World
7:00 Top News from Around the World
7:30 Top News from Around the World
8:00 MLB: Boston Red Sox vs. New York Yankees
11:00 Enjoy Life: Handcraft: Candle Lantern (5)
12:00 CNN News
12:30 Sports: Marynara's Golf Lesson (5)
1:00 Enjoy Life: Cooking (9)
2:30 Sports: New York Yankees
2:50 PBS NewsHour
3:00 CBS News
4:00 World News Hour
5:00 CNN News
5:25 ABC News
Evening
6:00 Japan Pro Ball: Seibu Lions vs. Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters

9:30 MLB Highlights
10:00 Wimbledon Tennis 2004
2:05 Asian News
2:50 PBS NewsHour
4:00 Top News from Around the World

JAPAN TV-B511

Morning
8:05 World News Hour
9:30 America
10:00 Classical Music: NHK Symphony Orchestra Concert (conductor: Emmanuel Krivonozhko)
Afternoon
2:00 U.S. Movie (1972): Big Jake (1:55)
7:00 NHK News
8:00 U.S. Movie (1999): The Insider (2:40)
12:00 Classical Music: Miyazaki International Music Festival, &c.

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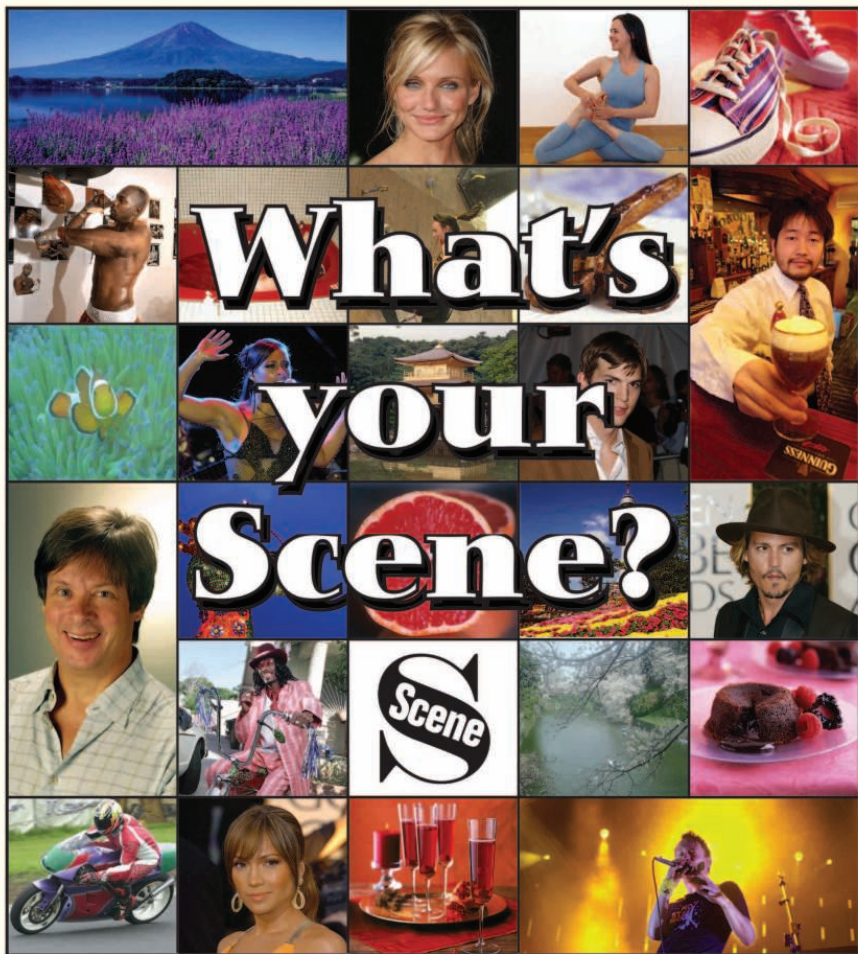
Morning
7:30 TV Series: Friends
12:00 TV Series: Dawson's Creek
Afternoon
1:00 British-French Movie (2002): Long Time Running (1:45)
2:45 U.S. Movie (2001): Jeepers Creepers
Evening
8:00 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Semifinals
11:00 U.S. Movie (2001): Rock Star (1:50)
11:20 Spanish U.S. Movie (2002): Darkness
11:50 TV Series: The Sopranos
12:00 TV Series: Seinfeld and the City
3:05 U.S. Movie (1972): The Godfather (3:00)

MTV

Morning
6:00 Wake Up

7:00 M Size News Thursday
8:00 Top Choice
10:00 Pure Music
11:00 Top Choice
Afternoon
12:00 Classic 90s
1:00 Screen
1:30 Consensus: MIMU
2:00 Pure Music
3:00 Top Choice
4:00 New Event
4:30 Top Choice
Evening
6:00 Daily Friday
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Boston battered

Yankees rout reeling Red Sox; open 6½-game lead in AL East

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Determined to prove their 1-6 record in April against the Boston Red Sox was a fluke, the New York Yankees roughed up their bitter rival.

After the way they manhandled us the first time, you're wondering how you stack up," New York manager Joe Torre said.

On Tuesday, the Yankees left no doubt.

Gary Sheffield hit a three-run homer, Tony Clark hit a drive into the center-field bleachers, and New York took advantage of three Boston errors to rout the visiting Red Sox 11-3 in front of 55,231 that included Vice President Dick Cheney.

Roles were reversed in the Bronx on Tuesday as the first-place Yankees opened a 6½-game lead over the Red Sox in the AL East. In April, they fell 4½ back of Boston after being swept in a three-game series.

"We were jacked up for this one," Sheffield said.

Sheffield and Clark homered off Derek Lowe after the Red Sox committed errors, raising their total to a major league-leading 58.

Shortstop Nomar Garciaparra, who missed the April games with Achilles' tendinitis, allowed Derek Jeter's two-out grounder in the fourth to kick off the heel of his glove for his second error of the game. Sheffield followed with a three-run homer.

After a second baseman Jose Reese bobbled Jose Posada's



Gary Sheffield, above, hit a three-run homer with two outs in the fourth inning to give the Yankees a 7-2 lead immediately after Boston shortstop Nomar Garciaparra booted a ground ball.

fifth-inning grounder, failing to help turn what would have been an inning-ending double play, Clark hit a two-run homer.

"There were just too many mistakes out there," Boston outfielder Johnny Damon said.

Damon homered off Javier Vazquez on the second pitch of the game and added another in the third to give Boston a 2-1 lead. But the Yankees took a 4-2 lead in the bottom half when Kenny Lofton reached on an error and scored on a sacrifice fly, and Hideki Matsui hit a tiebreaking two-run single. It came one pitch after Jeter and Alex Rodriguez pulled off a double steal.



Boston's Johnny Damon, left, and Dave McCarty lament Tuesday's 11-3 loss at Yankee Stadium that dropped the Red Sox to 27-27 since April. Boston led the AL East by 4½ games in early May.

"That's just some of the little things that help you win games," Jeter said. "You pick your winners."

Lowe (6-7) allowed a career-high nine runs, although just five were earned.

"They beat us pretty much in every facet of the game," Lowe said.

Following a 15-6 start, the Red Sox have gone 27-27 since April, putting pressure on themselves to keep pace.

"We have to do better," Boston manager Terry Francona said.

Vazquez (9-5) lost twice to Boston in April. This time, he matched his season best with eight strikeouts, allowing three runs and seven hits in 6½ innings.

In other AL games on Tuesday:

Athletics 5, Angels 4: In Oakland, Calif., Bobby Crosby hit a go-ahead two-run single in the seventh against Francisco Rodriguez to help Mark Mulder (10-2) win his career-best eighth straight decision.

Mulder was bested in 11 starts since losing at Yankee Stadium

on April 28. He allowed nine hits and four runs, struck out eight and walked three in seven innings — barely outperforming Angels starter Kelvin Escobar.

Octavio Delgado pitched a perfect ninth for his first save in two opportunities with his new team.

Mariners 4, Rangers 3: Rich Aurilia hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning and Joel Pineiro won his third straight decision.

Trailing 3-1, the host Mariners got a sacrifice fly from Bret Boone before Aurilia homered to beat Joaquín Benoit (2-3).

Pineiro (4-8) pitched seven innings and struck out a season-high nine. Eddie Guardado got hit 15th save.

Blue Jays 4, Devil Rays 0: Ted Lilly (7-4) didn't allow a run over six-plus innings to win his fifth straight road decision and Eric Hinske stole home for Toronto.

Hinske stole home on the front end of a double steal during a two-run first as the Blue Jays sent the Devil Rays to only their third loss in 19 games. Josh Phelps

homered for Toronto.

White Sox 6, Twins 2: Mark Buehrle (8-2) gave up eight hits and two runs in eight innings to improve to 13-4 against the Twins and lead visiting Chicago into first place in the AL Central.

Jose Valentin hit a solo home run, and Juan Uribe added a two-run shot for the White Sox, who beat Carlos Silva (8-5).

Tigers 9, Indians 7 (11): Dmitri Young's two-run homer in the bottom of the 11th gave the Tigers their season-high fifth straight victory.

It was the Tigers' third straight game-ending home run. Eric Munson's solo shot in the ninth beat Arizona on Saturday, and Carlos Pena's grand slam in the ninth led the Tigers past the Diamondbacks the next day.

Royals 4, Orioles 3: Desi Relaford broke a 3-3 tie in the sixth with an RBI double as the host Royals ended a five-game losing streak.

Sidney Ponson (3-11) lost his eighth straight decision and leads the majors in losses.

Beltran gives Astros boost with homer in ninth

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Carlos Beltran gave the Houston Astros a jolt, just the way they hoped.

In his fifth game since being traded from Kansas City, Beltran homered off Lyle Overbay with two outs in the top of the ninth inning Wednesday to send Houston over the Chicago Cubs 3-2.

After Roger Clemens' bid for his 11th victory was blown by the Astros' bullpen, Beltran won it.

Craig Biggio homered twice for Houston, atoning for a costly error the previous day.

Brad Lidge (2-3), who worked out of a bases-loaded jam after the Cubs tied the game in the eighth, got the win by getting the final six outs. Hawkins (1-1) took the loss.

Clemens pitched seven solid innings, allowing five hits and leaving with a 2-1 lead.

Michael Barrett's homer off reliever Dan Miceli leveled off the bottom of the eighth in 2-2.

After Barrett's homer, third baseman Morgan Ensberg's throwing error helped the Cubs load the bases before Lidge



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Barrett's ninth home run came right after his block of home plate prevented Ensberg from scoring an insurance run in the top of the eighth that would have given the Astros a 3-1 lead.

Running on the pitch, Ensberg tried to score from first on pinch-hitter Michael Lamb's single to center. But Barrett held on to Todd Walker's relay throw as Ensberg ran over him at the plate.

In Wednesday's other early game:

Pirates 6, Cardinals 5: Bobby Hill drove in the winning run with a pinch-hit single in the ninth and Mike Redman had three RBIs as the Pirates swept St. Louis in a three-game home series for the first time in 15 years.

The Cardinals came into the series with a five-game winning streak, 11 victories in 15 games and a 22-6 record in PNC Park, only to be held to six runs by a pitching staff that has the NL's fourth-worst ERA.

In Tuesday's NL games:

Dodgers 2, Giants 1: Jayson Werth hit a tying homer and scored the go-ahead run on Paul Lu Duca's eighth-inning single, leading host Los Angeles over San Francisco.

Eric Gagne got three outs for his 19th save, extending his consecutive saves streak to 82.

The Dodgers and Giants resumed their rivalry following last week's four-game sweep by the Giants at San Francisco. In the series finale, Giants outfielder Michael Tucker got upset about a high pitch over the middle of the plate from Gagne and triggered a bench-clearing episode that resulted in ejections for both players.

San Francisco right-hander Jerome Williams missed his scheduled outing because of mild tendinitis in his shoulder, and lefty Noah Lowry came out of the bullpen to make his first big league start.

He allowed a run and two hits over seven innings, struck out none and walked one.

Pirates 3, Cardinals 0: Rookie left-hander Sean Burnett shut out visiting St. Louis for six innings in his first major league victory, and Mike Redman drove in two runs.

Pittsburgh matched a season high with its fourth straight win.

Phillies 17, Expos 7: At Philadelphia, Bobby Abreu and David Bell homered and drove in three runs apiece, and the Phillies got 17 hits.

Eric Milton (10-2) allowed seven runs on seven hits in five innings, but moved into a tie for the major league lead in victories.

Mets 7, Reds 5: Cliff Floyd hit two of New York's three homers and drove in four runs. Ty Wigginton added a two-run shot as the visiting Mets beat Todd Van Poppel (3-3).

Ken Griffey Jr. was a late scratch for the Reds because of cramps in his left calf, but had a pinch-hit single to snap a career-worst 0-for-24 slump.

Marlins 5, Braves 4: Mike Lowell and Miguel Cabrera hit back-to-back homers in Atlanta, while Josias Manzanillo (1-1) got his first victory in 2½ years.

Florida won for only the second time in six games and stayed in a first-place tie with Philadelphia.

Cubs 7, Astros 5: Craig Biggio dropped Moises Alou's fly ball, al-

lowing two runs to score in the seventh inning.

After Carlos Beltran put Houston ahead 5-4 in the top of the seventh, Chicago came back against David Weathers (5-4) and Dan Miceli, who retired Sammy Sosa before Biggio's error.

Brewers 6, Rockies 3: Chad Moeller hit his first career grand slam, and Chris Capuano (3-3) gave up one run on four hits and struck out six in six innings to help Milwaukee end a nine-game losing streak in Colorado.

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Johnson fans 4,000th, but D-backs lose

BY MEL REISNER
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — The word "bitter-sweet" kept coming up when Randy Johnson talked about reaching 4,000 career strikeouts.

Johnson joined Nolan Ryan, Roger Clemens and Steve Carlton as the only pitchers to reach the milestone, and still couldn't break the Arizona Diamondbacks' luck.

The Diamondbacks lost their franchise-record 11th straight game, 3-2 to the San Diego Padres on Tuesday night.

"I just really wanted to enjoy this as much as I did the [perfect] game in Atlanta, but it's very hard to enjoy something when you lose a ballgame, because that's all I received," Johnson said.

He struck out eight and reached 4,000 strikeouts faster than Ryan (5,714), Clemens (4,200) and Carlton (4,136).

Johnson (9-6) fanned Jeff Cirillo for the second out of the eighth inning, reaching 4,000 in 3,237¹/₂ innings, a strikeout-to-nine inning ratio of 11.12. None of the others had a double-figure ratio, with Ryan's 9.55 the next-best based on 3,844¹/₂ innings.

"Those are three of the greatest pitchers in the history of the game, and Randy's right there with them — right where he belongs," Diamondbacks manager Bob Brenly said.

Khalil Greene homered off



Randy Johnson's strikeout-to-nine inning ratio of 11.12 is the highest among career strikeout leaders. He has 4,000 Ks in 3,237¹/₂ innings.

Johnson with one out in the eighth, providing the winning margin for the Padres, who won for the seventh time in eight games.

Greene got all of a fastball and hit it just far enough to bounce off the fence into the grandstand.

"It's just a testament to him and what he's done is pretty cool in itself," Greene said.

Arizona closed without a run on Danny Bautista's solo homer in its half of the eighth off Kiorini Otsuka, but again fell short.

The Diamondbacks stranded 10 runners to San Diego's two, leaving the bases loaded in the sixth and eighth.

"I don't think I swung at a strike all night," said catcher Robby Hammon, whose third strikeout ended the eighth. "I wish I would have been able to help him win."

After Terrence Long doubled, Johnson threw three sliders to Cirillo to reach a 2-1 count before blowing a fastball by him to make it 2-2. He missed with a slider to the count full, and recorded his last strikeout with an 87 mph slider low on the outside corner as Cirillo took a half-swing.

Long was thrown out by Hammon attempting to steal third on

Career strikeout leaders

Through June 29
(x-active)

1. Nolan Ryan	5,714
2. Roger Clemens	4,200
3. Steve Carlton	4,136
4. Randy Johnson	4,000
5. Bert Blyleven	3,701
6. Tom Seaver	3,640
7. Don Sutton	3,574
8. Gaylord Perry	3,534
9. Walter Johnson	3,526
10. Phil Niekro	3,342
11. Ferguson Jenkins	3,182
12. Bob Gibson	3,117
13. Tim Lincecum	2,859
14. Greg Maddux	2,835
15. Mickey Lolich	2,833
16. Cy Young	2,819
17. Frank Tanana	2,773
18. David Cone	2,668
19. R. Curt Schilling	2,662
20. Chuck Finley	2,610
21. Warren Spahn	2,581
22. Bob Feller	2,581
23. Tim Lincecum	2,556
24. Tim Lincecum	2,538
25. Pedro Martinez	2,537
26. Christy Mathewson	2,502

the play to end the inning. Johnson tapped fists with Hammon as they walked back to the Diamondbacks dugout, and the big left-hander waved his cap to the crowd twice, once to his left and then right.

He received high fives in the dugout but went into the clubhouse tunnel later, missing cries from the crowd for a curtain call.

Johnson's spot in the batting order led off the ninth, and pinch-hitter Roberto Alomar singled off closer Trevor Hoffman, reaching third while Hoffman retired Scott Hairston on a popup and Steve Finley and Danny Bautista were grounded to Greene at shortstop.

"We were looking for a win and the 4,000 strikeouts, so we could celebrate," Alomar said. "But you stop celebrating when you're losing."

Johnson, whose 196 double-digit strikeout games are second to Ryan's 215, allowed three runs on four hits in eight innings.

Brian Sweaney (1-0) held the Diamondbacks to one run on four hits and a walk in his first major league start after seven relief appearances. Jay Witscheck, Scott Linebrink and Otsuka limited Arizona to one run in 2¹/₂ innings. Hoffman earned his 18th save in 20 chances.

"I'm just glad we won the game," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said. "You see history like that, I'm a fan. To see one of the greatest pitchers of all-time get 4,000 strikeouts, it is a privilege."

The Padres, knowing Johnson would be around the strike zone, started the game swinging early in the count, and it paid in the third when Humberto Quintero singled and Greene doubled, both on the second pitch.

Quintero scored on a sacrifice fly by Cirillo, and Greene made it 2-0, scoring from third when shortstop Alex Cintron booted Mark Loretta's ground hit.

Quintero scored his first hit in the fourth, and Sweeney walked Luis Gonzalez. But the threat ended when Shea Hillenbrand popped up and right fielder Brian Giles ran down Chad Tracy's drive against the bullpen fence.

Reduced field for year's second Grand Slam tourney

BY DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Twenty-one teams — the smallest field in six years — began competing Thursday in the Ninth Firecracker Shootout Open Softball Tournament at Foster Field complex.

According to Steve Rowland, director of Semper Fit athletic programs for Okinawa Marine Corps Community Services, the reason for the small field, which includes just three off-island teams, can be summed up in one word: duty.

"People are out in support of the efforts going on right now," Row-

land said about deployments of Pacific-area servicemembers in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. "I don't think it's people not wanting to participate. It's people doing their duty."

The Yokota Samurai and Misawa Red Dawgs from Japan and a civilian team from Chinese Taipei are the only off-island men's teams for the second leg of the Pacific interservice Grand Slam. They're going up against 11 Okinawa teams, including Pacific Force — winner of 39 Grand Slam events since 1989 — and Yellow Box.

Yellow Box, a finalist in the past eight Grand Slams but win-

ner of just one, entered the tournament without two of its veterans, including team founder Ron Tash, who transferred last month.

There are no teams from South Korea, where an alternative weekend tournament for post-level teams was called off Wednesday.

According to athletic director Jimmy Williams of Camp Casey, which was to host the event, his staff was directed by 2nd Infantry Division commanders to support July Fourth weekend unit and company-level activities.

"Nothing much we can do," said Tom Costello, coach of the International Guzzlers, who won the year's first Grand Slam event.

"A last-minute cancellation like that doesn't allow any time for us to put something together."

Rowland says he and the MCCS Semper Fit staff plan to make the best of the abbreviated Firecracker field.

Narrowing the number of round-robin pools to two for the men and one for the women ensures every team gets plenty of on-field action.

"What we did was give everybody a lot of games, and we'll take four in each bracket to double-elimination for men and six for women," Rowland said. "We did right by it."

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Ninth Firecracker Shootout Open Softball Tournament

Dates — July 1-5.

Sites — Fields 1, 2, 3, 4 and 9, Camp Foster, Okinawa.

Format — Men, 14 teams, two pools of seven each, single round-robin, top four in each pool eligible for double-elimination playoffs. Women, seven teams, one pool, single round-robin, so teams eligible for double-elimination playoffs.

Schedule — First round-robin games 6 p.m. Thursday. Last round-robin games approximately 6 p.m. for men and 9 p.m. for women Saturday. Playoffs begin at 8 a.m. Sunday. Championship games 4 p.m. Monday. Closing ceremony follows.

Awards — Team sportsmanship award, team trophies and individual awards to top four finishers. MVP, All-Tournament selections. All-Tournament coaches, awards to top two finishers in skills competitions, home-run derby, baserunning, team relay three contests.

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France finds life at top not so easy

NASCAR's new chairman, CEO trying to simplify rules but meeting resistance

BY MIKE HARRIS

The Associated Press

For the most part, the first 10 months of Brian France's tenure as boss of NASCAR have been a breeze.

The changeover from longtime sponsor Winston to Nextel in NASCAR's top series has gone smoothly. A major antitrust lawsuit over a second race for the Fort Worth track was settled out of court and played right along with the expected schedule realignment. And a new way of determining the Cup championship — with a 10-race shootout at the end of the season — is already generating excitement.

"I've enjoyed the responsibilities and it's obviously action-packed," France said Tuesday during a teleconference. "We have our work cut out for us, but working with the team we've got, developing new ideas and trying to make racing better, it's been a fun first year for me."

One thing that hasn't been much fun, though, is the reaction of competitors and fans to the first major rule change of France's tenure.

Last fall, shortly after taking over from his father, Bill France Jr., as chairman and CEO of NASCAR, it was announced that drivers would no longer race to the finish line when a yellow flag came out.

Competitors had been complaining that dangerous practice for years and, after a particularly scary moment in which former Cup champion Dale Jarrett's car was stuck in the middle of the track with nearly the entire field bearing down at top speed, the younger France decided to do something about it.

Unfortunately, the change has

caused debate over how to freeze the drivers' positions at the moment the caution flag waves and how soon to open the pit lane during yellows.

There have been a series of confusing rule changes, over long caution periods during races and several mistakes by officials that prompted NASCAR President Mike Helton to issue apologies.

France said NASCAR is well on the way to solving those problems, but he wants to make the rules as simple as possible for everyone.

"The expectations from the drivers, the owners, fans and everybody in the industry is that NASCAR is going to conduct the events in a mistake-free environment," France said. "We all know that that's not humanly possible, although that's our own expectation."

"We have had several mistakes in the last month that we think we've gotten, for the large measure, corrected. We've obviously introduced a more complicated system in terms of freezing the field, although we simplified that in the last two weeks."

Among the recent changes: pit road is now opened only by officials in the control tower, rather than an official at the end of the service lane, and the scoring of the field when a caution is displayed is being done with electronic scoring that shows where every car is at any given moment, removing the human element as much as possible.

More changes are coming.

"The next big rule change being contemplated, which could be just as controversial and difficult to enforce, is how to make sure races end under a green flag."

Four of the past eight Cup races have ended under caution,



Since taking over for his father, Bill, last fall, NASCAR chairman and CEO Brian France has stopped the practice of racing back to the finish line when the caution flag comes out, and hopes to find a safe solution to keep Nextel Cup races from ending under caution.

meaning that the drivers did not get to race to the finish but ended the day driving slowly behind the pace truck. That didn't make drivers or fans happy.

"We are studying that whole idea of how we might give ourselves more opportunities to finish under a green-flag scenario, which is what we want," France said.

Former series champion Rusty Wallace isn't in favor of an idea that would restart the cars with the white one-lap-to-go flag and green displayed simultaneously. "I don't agree with that and I'll be the first one poliolecting that you shouldn't do that," Wallace said last week. "All these race fans drinking beer and screaming and hollering have not been in a helicopter upside down with 30 tubes hanging out of you after going end-over-end 30 times like I've been before because of these

green-white starts. I think it's ridiculous and it's unsafe."

The truck series has a rule that requires what the drivers call a green-white-checkered finish. With the white flag signifying one lap to go, following a late caution flag, the truck drivers are assured two racing laps to the finish.

"I know that we have [a system] that works in the trucks series but, remember, those are shorter races and we're having to factor in a number of other things," said France, the grandson of NASCAR founder Bill France Sr.

"We will make a decision if it promotes better racing or safety or anything that we think improves the industry. In 53 years of managing the sport, we know what the drivers are up against in terms of finishing under green. Most of them have said recently they'd support some version of [green-white-checkered]."

Driver Unser Jr. retires

Two-time Indy 500 winner, 42, says he's no longer having fun

By MICHAEL MARROT

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Al Unser Jr. woke up to a harsh reality this week. His passion for racing was gone.

On Wednesday, Unser announced his retirement because he was no longer having fun from the track, stepping away from a successful career on his own terms.

"Racing has to come before everything else," he said. "I'd reached a point where helping my sons and daughters means more to me today than driving into Turn 1."

Unser, 42, leaves open-wheel racing as one of its most successful drivers. In more than 21 seasons, Unser won two Indianapolis 500s, two CART championships and a combined 34 races on the CART and Indy Racing League circuits.

His new career — as an adviser for Patrick Racing, his team, and a driving mentor for his son, Al — begins this weekend at the Argonne Mortgage Indy 300 in Kansas City. Kan. Team owner U.E. "Pat" Patrick has not yet named a replacement driver for Unser.

During a news conference at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the red-headed, freckle-faced Unser, who burst onto the Indy scene in 1983 known as "Little Al," sat stoically as a high-light film replayed some of his most cherished moments.

"You just know when it's time," he said afterward. "I never had to set a date, but I have to have a passion for it. I'm no longer willing to maintain that level of sacrifice or desire."

The IRL has lost two of its most prominent drivers in the last 13 months. Michael Andretti retired in May 2003 at age 40. This season was especially frustrating for Unser.

He worked for several months to find a ride after breaking his pelvis in October when he was thrown from an all-terrain vehicle in New Mexico. After months of rehabilitation, Unser finally signed with Patrick Racing in March, but missed the first three races of the IRL season.

In three starts, Unser's best finish was 11th.



Unser Jr.

Stewart fined \$50,000, docked 25 Cup points

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tony Stewart avoided suspension Wednesday when NASCAR fined him \$50,000 and docked him championship points for his altercation with Brian Vickers.

Stewart lost 25 points in the driver standings, car owner Joe Gibbs lost 25 points in the owner standings, and Stewart was also placed on probation until Aug. 18.

"This action we've taken speaks for itself," NASCAR President Mike Helton said. "Tony Stewart is well aware of what is

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expected of him going forward."

Stewart could have been suspended for Saturday night's race at Daytona International Speedway for his latest infraction. But NASCAR declined to park him for a race, which saves the 2002 series champion's bid for the Nextel Cup championship.

He did not immediately comment about his penalty.

Vickers was knocked out of Sunday's race in California following contact from Stewart. After the race, Vickers said Stewart came to his car window and confronted him.

Vickers said the two were discussing the on-track contact and Vickers began to laugh about it.



Stewart

He claimed that Stewart then reached for him inside the car and "knocked the breath out of me."

"He hit the armrest and he reached in the car and he grabbed me in the chest and when he did hit me, it was kind of open palm," Vickers said after the race. "My team grabbed him and pulled him off of me."

Missing a race would have crippled Stewart in his bid for the cup championship. Under NASCAR's new points system, only the top 10 drivers in the standings and anyone else within 400 points of the leader will be eligible to race for the title over the final 10 races of the season.

Stewart, who was fifth in the standings and 307 points behind leader Jimmie Johnson, drops to sixth in the standings after the penalty and is 332 points back.

R. Schumacher faces long break after U.S. crash

STUTTGART, Germany — Ralf Schumacher will miss up to 12 weeks after tests showed he fractured two vertebrae in a crash during the U.S. Grand Prix.

All goes well, the Williams BMW driver could return for the season's final two races in Japan on Oct. 10 and in Brazil two weeks later.

Schumacher, 29, the younger brother of world champion Michael Schumacher, sustained the fractures and a severe concussion after crashing June 20 at Indianapolis.

Spanish backup driver Marc Gené will replace Schumacher in this weekend's French Grand Prix, the Williams team said. A decision on who will replace Schumacher in future races this season will be made later.

Magic believe they improved attitude

Orlando GM Weisbrod glad to see All-Star McGrady go to Houston

By MIKE BRANOM
The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Orlando General Manager John Weisbrod believes the Magic will be a whole lot better without departed star Tracy McGrady.

Weisbrod took parting shots Wednesday at his former player, implying McGrady wasn't capable of leading a winning team.

"It starts with how you define a superstar," Weisbrod said.

"I think a superstar is defined by wins, by making the players around him better and by making the team better. On that part, my perception is a little different than most."

Marking only the fourth time a defending scoring champion has been traded, McGrady was sent to Houston for point guard Steve Francis, shooting guard Cuttino Mobley and forward Kelvin Cato on Tuesday. Orlando also parted with power forward Jovan Howard, and guards Tyrone Lue and Reece Gaines.

McGrady was an All-Star in each of his four years in Orlando, averaging 28.1 points, and quickly became the Magic's most popular player. But his behavior during last season's 61-loss disaster convinced Weisbrod that McGrady was part of the problem.

In McGrady's place are players who want to win.

"We're here to fill voids the Magic know they have lacked in the last couple of seasons," said Francis, a three-time All-Star.

"You're going to get a gutsy ef-



New Magic players, from left, Steve Francis, Kelvin Cato, and Cuttino Mobley hold up their new jerseys.

fort every single night from all three of us. There's no trying to be too cute or trying to be too cool basketball from us."

Added Mobley: "I don't think we have a loser mentality at all."

Francis said it was obvious the Magic lost heart last season after an early 19-game losing streak. It was during the slide that McGrady — selected team captain in the offseason — started the organization when he openly discussed quitting.

"You have to display a sense of urgency. I thought their players didn't do that," Francis said. "Once they got on a losing streak, it looked like they hung their heads."

Weisbrod said that by the All-Star break, it was clear McGrady wanted out. When McGrady told team owner Rich DeVos two weeks ago he wanted to be traded to a contender, that made it easier for the Magic to part ways.

"We just came to the conclusion that if he wanted to leave, we thought that could very well be best for our basketball team," Weisbrod said.

McGrady can opt out of his seven-year, \$93-million contract after next season, so it appeared he held leverage through the unspoken threat of his team receiving no compensation if he left.

But Weisbrod refused to limit his talks to teams where McGrady wanted to play.

"There were seven or eight teams that were perfectly comfortable trading for Tracy whether he wanted to go there or not whether he would opt in or not," Weisbrod said. "So, we certainly weren't in any kind of corner."

Last season, Francis averaged 16.6 points and Mobley 15.8 as Houston's starting backcourt. At times, they struggled against new coach Jeff Van Gundy's desire to make center Yao Ming the team's focus and both players saw their statistics drop from the previous season.

Woods-Harmon relationship 'much better' after call

The Associated Press

LEMONI, Ill. — Tiger Woods and Butch Harmon have patched up their differences.

Woods said Wednesday that he called his former swing coach recently to talk about criticisms Harmon had made. During the U.S. Open, Harmon said Woods might be in a "bit of denial" over the state of his game.

The two split after Harmon modeled the swing that won seven of 11 majors in one stretch. Woods is now 0-for-8 in the majors, not having since the 2002 Masters, and has three victories on the PGA Tour in the last year.

"I decided to pick up the phone and call Butch and handle it the way it should be handled," Woods said after his pro-am round at the Western Open. "We talked about every single conceivable issue and point of view that each of us had, perception-wise. Sometimes things can be spun out of hand... and I wanted to hear it from his mouth and he wanted to hear it from my mouth."

Woods seemed to be particularly upset that Harmon had made his criticisms in public, without going to his former pupil first. But Woods said everything has been straightened out.

"We talked about it for a while," he said. "And things are certainly much better than they were before."

Raptors hire Babcock for front office

TORONTO — The Toronto Raptors hired former Atlanta Hawks general manager Pete Babcock on Wednesday to be their director of NBA player personnel.

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Babcock, the brother of new Raptors' general manager Bob Babcock, will focus on free agents and trades.

Pete Babcock spent 13 years as the Hawks' GM before being fired last year. Atlanta made the playoffs in eight of his first nine full seasons, reaching 50 victories three times and winning the Central Division title in 1994.

But his teams never got past the second round of the playoffs, and he was criticized for failing to improve the team through the draft.

Clippers make qualifying offer to Richardson

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Clippers made a qualifying offer to guard Quentin Richardson on Wednesday, enabling them to match any offer the restricted free agent might receive.

Richardson averaged 17.2 points, 6.4 rebounds and 2.1 assists — all career bests — in 65 games for the Clippers last season, his fourth with the team. He was the 18th overall selection in the 2000 draft.

Richardson, 24, will be eligible to talk with any team, including the Clippers, during the first two weeks of July. The Clippers would have 15 days to match any contract offer he receives.

Reports: Clemons to interview at Ohio St.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Los Angeles Lakers assistant Jim Clemons is in the mix of candidates Ohio State is considering for its men's basketball coach, according to published and

broadcast reports.

Meanwhile, Rice coach Willis Wilson interviewed with Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger on Tuesday in Dallas, the Houston Chronicle reported in its Wednesday editions. Wilson characterized Tuesday's meeting as "an opportunity for everyone to sit down and get to know each other," the newspaper said.

Clemons, 54, is a 1971 graduate of Ohio State and has been an assistant at Ohio State and Furman and coached at Youngstown State.

He left Youngstown State after two years and a 12-24 record to return to Chicago in the NBA as an assistant. He coached Dallas from 28-70 record in 1996 and 97.

Hurricanes sign O'Neill to one-year deal

RALEIGH, N.C. — Right wing Jeff O'Neill and the Carolina Hurricanes agreed to terms Tuesday on a one-year contract that will keep him in the team with the franchise that drafted him 10 years ago.

O'Neill had more than 60 points and led the team in goals each season from 1999-2003. But he scored just 14 goals in 2003-04 before season-ending surgery in March to repair a tear in his right shoulder.

Royals fire pitching coach Cumberland

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Royals, with the worst record (29-45) and second-worst first ERA (4.96) in the American League, fired pitching coach John Cumberland on Wednesday.

Mike Mason, the organization's roving pitching instructor, will serve as interim pitching coach for the rest of the season.

Network saluting athletes who served

Stars and Stripes

College Sports Television will pay tribute to the U.S. armed forces with "From Ballfields to Battlefields," a documentary about student-athletes who have served their country during times of war that will premiere on American Forces Network on Saturday, July 3.

The documentary will air in the Pacific at 2:30 a.m. Saturday on AFN-Sports 3:30 a.m. Sunday on AFN-Pacific and AFN-Korea.

"From Ballfields to Battlefields" is part of "Sports and Stripes: CSTV's Salute to the Armed Forces," the network's July 2-4 tribute to servicemembers comprising athletic events featuring service academies, features on athletes from Army, Navy and Air Force, and greetings from servicemembers deployed to Iraq by their families and friends. Much of the programming will be available on AFN.

"From Ballfields to Battlefields" is CSTV's way of honoring the legacy of [former NFL player killed in Iraq] Pat Tillman and other student-athletes who have put their lives on the line," CSTV President and CEO Brian Redol said in a news release. "The attributes that make these college athletes successful on the ball field — teamwork, discipline and focus — are the same attributes exemplary on the battlefield."

Among those profiled:

■ Nile Kinnick, the 1939 Heisman Trophy-winning halfback from Iowa who joined the Naval Air Corps reserve after college and was killed in 1943 when his fighter plane crashed during a World War II training flight.

■ Matt Shefic, the University of Vermont basketball player who enrolled in the Army a week after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant and after graduating from college and is expected to be deployed in Afghanistan later this year.

■ Bob Johnson and Cortez Watson. Johnson, who has more than 300 wins as the men's basketball coach at Emory and Henry College in Virginia, was a Ranger platoon leader with the 101st Airborne in Vietnam. Watson, who plays for Johnson, enrolled in the National Guard at college and was sent to Iraq in 2003. He has since returned to the States and will resume his college athletic career in the fall.

■ Tillman, the former Arizona State football star and Arizona Cardinals safety who was killed in April while serving in Afghanistan.

■ Hobey Baker, the captain of his Princeton hockey and football teams and World War I hero who was killed in an airplane crash in 1918, just before his scheduled return from Europe.

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Williams slams Capriati

Serena wins 6-1, 6-1; Roddick wins 'dogfight'

BY STEPHEN WILSON
The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — In a match that never lived up to expectations, two-time defending champion Serena Williams beat a listless Jennifer Capriati 6-1, 6-1 in 45 minutes Wednesday to advance to the Wimbledon semifinals.

Andy Roddick had a much tougher test to reach the men's semis, outslugging Sjeng Schalken 7-6 (4), 7-6 (9), 6-3. The second-seeded American, who hasn't lost a set in five matches, served 18 aces and closed out the match with a leaping overhead.

"It was a dogfight," Roddick said. "He's doesn't look spectacular, but he's a great player."

Roddick advances to meet Croatia's

20-year-old Mario Ancic, who upset fifth-seeded Tim Henman 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-2. Roddick is 3-0 against Ancic, including a three-set victory on grass at Queen's Club last month.

In another men's quarterfinal, defending champion Roger Federer beat 2002 champ Lleyton Hewitt 6-1, 6-7 (1), 6-0, 6-4. Hewitt double-faulted on match point, ending the quarterfinal after three rain delays in 2 hours, 19 minutes.

Roddick's match featured a compelling 20-point second-set tiebreaker in which he saved three set points, ripped forehand winners, hit a tournament-best 146 mph serve and connected on big second serves.

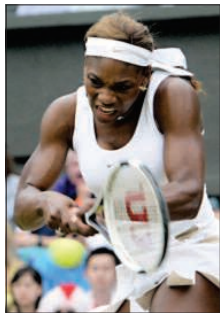
Roddick, who was never broken, saved three break points in the first game of the third set. After a second rain delay at 1-1,

he got the only service break of the match with a forehand pass to go up 4-2. He served out the match at love, starting with his 18th ace and ending with a scaring smash reminiscent of Pete Sampras during his run of seven Wimbledon titles.

"The power Andy has, the ball's coming at you — you don't have any time to react," the 12th-seeded Schalken said. "That's something very special. He doesn't have a weakness, I think."

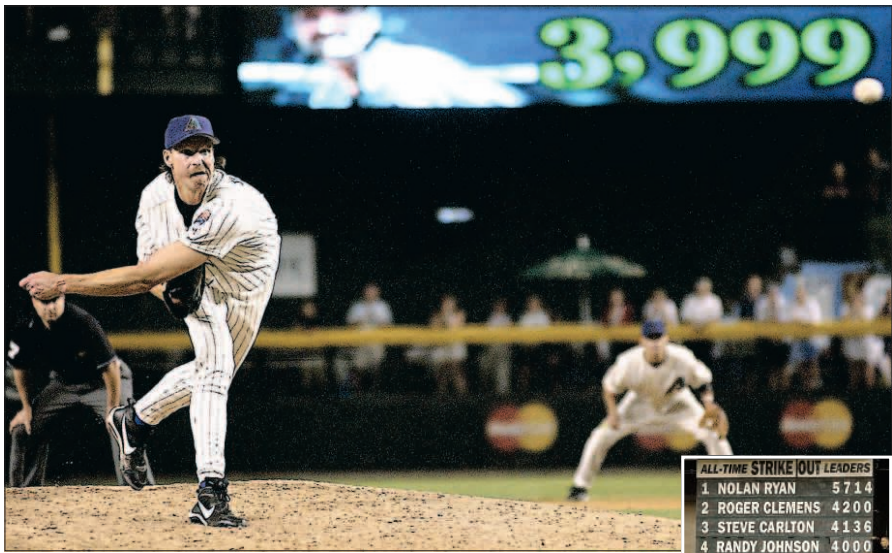
Williams and Capriati have built one of the best rivalries in women's tennis, but this Centre Court match was completely one-sided. The 13,000-capacity stadium was one-third empty and guests in the Royal Box barely had time to settle in their seats before it was over.

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Defending champ Serena Williams dispatched Jennifer Capriati in just 45 minutes.

Fourth, fastest to 4,000



Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Randy Johnson delivers his 4,000th strikeout pitch to the San Diego Padres' Jeff Cirillo during the eighth inning on Tuesday at Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix. Johnson became only the fourth player to reach 4,000 strikeouts in a career, and a sign in the stadium shows an updated career list (right). See story on Page 29.

ALL-TIME STRIKEOUT LEADERS

1	NOLAN RYAN	5714
2	ROGER CLEMENS	4200
3	STEVE CARLTON	4136
4	RANDY JOHNSON	4000
5	BERT BLYLEVEN	3701
6	TOM SEAVER	3640
7	DON SUTTON	3574

Two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Unser retires

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